

Year 6 – Parent
Welcome Session
Tuesday 11th May 2021

Transition

- We are welcoming 260 students this year
- Big change for parents and students
- New challenges

Year 6 – Year 7 Transition

- Transition is the move from Year 6 to Year 7.
- 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, SENCo and teachers will be visiting the primary schools talking with teachers, students, SENCo's and collecting information to help us give the best start possible.
- Dates for your diary – Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th July – Transition Days.

ACHIEVE -
WE WANT YOUR CHILDREN
TO ACHIEVE WITH US



ACHIEVE

Our vision is that members of the Furze Platt community consistently **ACHIEVE**, through:

being **A**mbitious

being **C**ollaborative

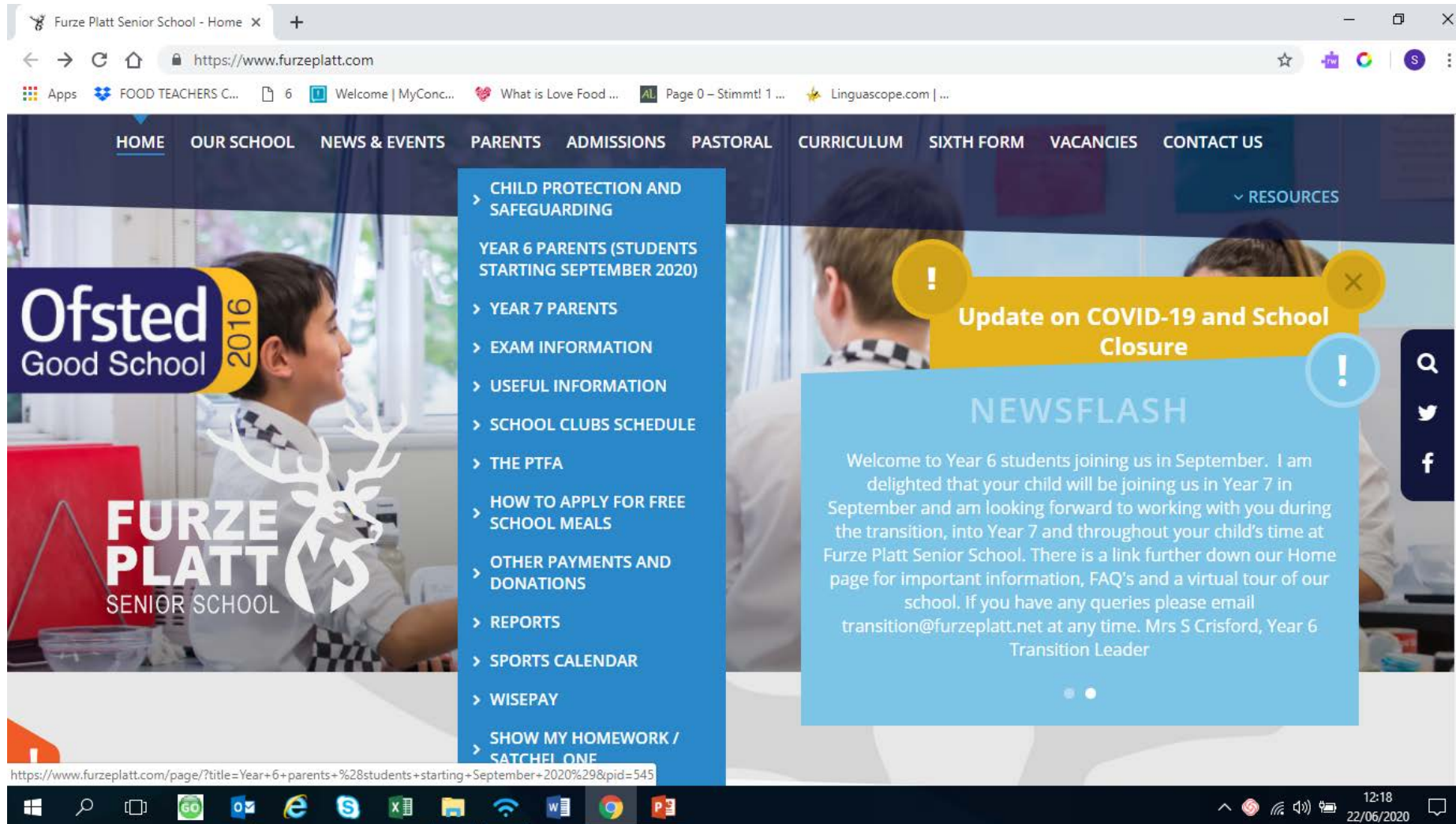
being **H**appy

having **I**ntegrity

showing **E**ndurance

showing **V**ersatility

All of which lead to **E**xcellence



The screenshot shows the Furze Platt Senior School website. The browser address bar displays <https://www.furzeplatt.com>. The navigation menu includes: HOME, OUR SCHOOL, NEWS & EVENTS, PARENTS, ADMISSIONS, PASTORAL, CURRICULUM, SIXTH FORM, VACANCIES, CONTACT US, and RESOURCES. A blue sidebar menu lists various parent resources such as Child Protection and Safeguarding, Year 6 Parents (Students Starting September 2020), Year 7 Parents, Exam Information, Useful Information, School Clubs Schedule, The PTFA, How to Apply for Free School Meals, Other Payments and Donations, Reports, Sports Calendar, and WisePay. A yellow notification banner reads "Update on COVID-19 and School Closure". A light blue "NEWSFLASH" box contains a welcome message for Year 6 students and their parents, signed by Mrs S Crisford, Year 6 Transition Leader. The page also features an "Ofsted Good School 2016" badge and the school's logo.

Transition on our website

- [Transition information on our website](#)

- On the website.

Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June 2020

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER 

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Welcome to our weekly Newsletter. I hope that you and your families are well. As ever we would be delighted to share your news so please do send in details of what you are up to at this time.



VIDEO MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Year 10 and 12 to Return

As the pictures below show our site team have been busy preparing for our Year 10 and 12 students to return next week. I look forward to welcoming them all back. Please could students, parents and carers in these year groups remind themselves of the contents of my letter of last Friday before returning to school. This will help jog your memories in regard to matters like only using the front gate, not wearing uniform and students needing to bring their own equipment and a bottle of water.



Upcoming Events  **UPCOMING EVENTS** [All Events](#) [UPCOMING CALENDAR](#)

All events are postponed until schools reopen fully. Further information will be sent out in due course.

Years 7, 8 and 9

With the news that others are returning to FPSS, I appreciate this is a difficult time for students, parents and carers in our younger years. This week, I have had some parents and carers express frustration at their child not being included in the return and also concern about September.

I can only share this frustration. I want all our students to be back at FPSS as soon as possible. However, you will appreciate that we are following the guidance of government as to which years and how students return. I am hopeful for September and we are planning a normal whole school timetable for next year. I hope that matters have sufficiently progressed and we are able to have all students on site from then.

In the meantime, we are looking to expand on the tutor activities started this week. I would also encourage students, parents and carers to think about activities that can support classwork. This is something schools regularly do with trips, visits or theme days at this time of year. How about studying the Magna Carta and taking a family trip to Runnymede to see where it was signed? Why not take some paper and sketch along the Thames or dissect a flower to see the various parts?

Cancellation of 6 July INSET Day

Given our wish to have students return to school on a regular timetable we have cancelled the INSET day planned for July.

Take care and keep safe.

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

AMBITIOUS COLLABORATIVE HAPPY INTEGRITY ENDURANCE VERSATILITY EXCELLENCE

If you have any news items you want to feature in our newsletter please email: ps@fpss.com



we ask that you use the link below to order a specific size for your child by **Monday 22nd June**. Further information regarding sizing is on the form:

PGL HOODE FORM - ORDER BY 22ND JUNE

We can now confirm that the final payments must be made by **Friday 10th July 2020**. Payments should be made via WestPay; your account will show your outstanding balance. If no outstanding balance is shown then you have already paid the full £220 cost of the trip. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

YEAR 7 PGL - INFORMATION EVENING
TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2020

First Day

- Thursday 2nd September
- Assemble at 8.40 am in the playground.
- Finish at 3.15 am
- Bring a packed lunch
- Bring in a pencil case with pens, pencils, rubbers etc.
- All in a backpack.

Drop off and collection

- Parents DO NOT come onto the school site.
- Avoid collecting them by car – find a place to meet.
- Day 1 will be fine – but Day 2 will be ALL the year groups.

Organisation

- 8 Houses
- 5 Vertical Tutor Groups/Forms
- 3 Teaching bands
- Mixed ability

The Heads of House

Key Staff



Head of Bisham
- *Miss Thorogood*



Head of Bray
- *Miss Boseley*



Head of Cookham
- *Miss Holmes*



Head of Dorney
- *Mr Djaelani*



Head of Eton
- *Miss Towell*



Head of Henley
- *Mr Molin*



Head of Marlow
- *Ms Naylor*



Head of Windsor
- *Mrs Ridgley*



KS2-3 Transition Co-Ordinator
- *Mrs Crisford*



Pastoral Team



Assistant Headteacher
- **Laura Lewis**



Pastoral Manager –
Cookham & Windsor
- **Jemma Barney**



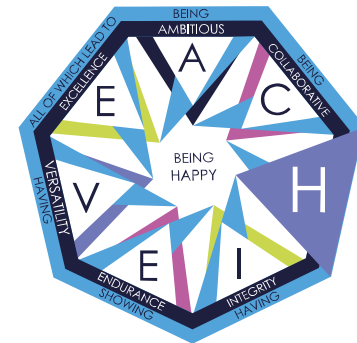
Pastoral Manager –
Bisham & Eton
- **Sasha Gumbs**



Pastoral Manager –
Bray & Henley
- **Maxine Carpenter**



Pastoral Manager –
Dorney & Marlow
- **Beth Harper**



Pastoral Team



Attendance Officer
- **Janine Clark**



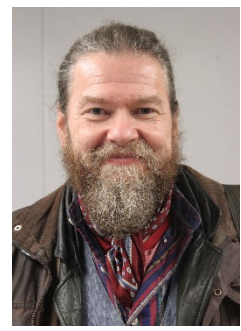
Attendance Officer
- **Natalie Vettese**



Pastoral Support
Worker
- **Di Alston**



School Counsellor
- **Dee Miller**



School Counsellor
- **Damon Hall**



School Day

- Tutor time
- 5 Lessons
- 2 Breaks

Timetable

- We have a two week timetable.
- You will be able to access the timetable via an App – Go4Schools.
- Students will have paper copies.

Information Evenings

- Year 7 Preparing to Succeed Evening – tbc (September)
- Year 7 Meet Head of House – tbc (October)
- Year 7 Parents Evening in April 2022

Uniform

- Available from Hawkinsport.
- Label everything!
- Secondhand is good!
- On Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th July the PTFA will be holding Second Hand Uniform Sales.
- ALSO Lower School Ties for £5.00 from Main Reception.

Communication

- Communication is via Iris ParentMail which you will sign up for as your student starts.
- It is the payment method for the school café, trips and things like lockers, revision guides etc.
- Go 4 Schools provides information on your children's progress, attendance, behaviour and homework.

Special Educational Needs

- Shine ASD Resource Base supports five students in each year group as named on their EHCP.
- Learning support is our SEN provision, and we will communicate with the junior schools about the needs of the student joining us.

Additional Support and Funding

- Please register if relevant as there is additional school funding for 'Pupil Premium'
- There is additional funding for adopted/ Children Looked After children.

Transition Nerves

- Talk and walk.
- BBC Bitesize – Starting Secondary School
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zh4wy9q/starting-secondary-school/1>

Transition Days

- These will be on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th July. Times tbc.
- Students should come in their junior school uniform, bring a pencil case and a packed lunch.
- We hope to do an informal session on these days for parents.

Any Questions?



- If you have any queries please email:
- Transition@furzeplatt.net