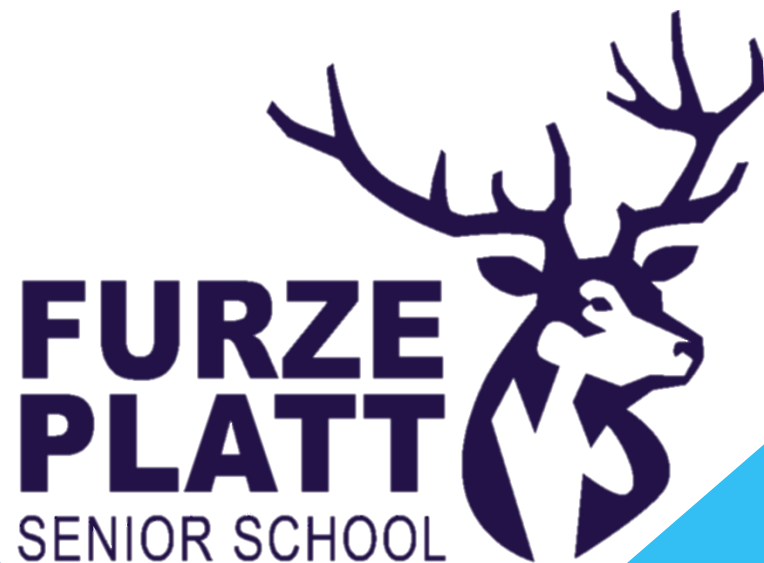


YEAR 7 PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING



WELCOME

**Mr Andrew Wyles – Assistant
Headteacher KS3**

Meet the team

Dr Andrew Morrison *Head Teacher*

Mr Andrew Wyles *Assistant Head (KS3)*

Miss Sharp *Head of Progress Year 7*

Miss Carpenter *Pastoral Manager Year 7*

Mr Forster and Ms Fletcher *Transition Co-ordinators*

Pastoral Team



Head of Progress – Year 7
Miss Sharp



Pastoral Manager – Year 7
Mrs Carpenter



KS2-3 Transition Co-Ordinator
Mr Forster / Miss Fletcher



Designated
Safeguarding
Lead
*Miss Lewis
(Deputy
Headteacher)*

*Assistant
Headteacher
KS3
Mr Wyles*



The Form Tutors



7AJK
Miss Kirby



7BG
Mr Goswell



7DAB
Miss Boseley



7EED
Ms Dempsey



7GCD
Miss Dissenga



7HL
Mr Langenhoven



7KEB
Mrs Barnes



7NAA
Ms Angyiembe



7SAI
Miss Iqbal / Miss Fletcher



Pastoral Team



Attendance Officer
- **Mrs Couling**



Attendance Officer
- **Mrs Craker**



Student Support
Administrator
- **Mrs Fung**



School Counsellor
- **Caroline Rossiter**



School Counsellor
- **Jo Bird**



Pupil Premium
Champion
- **Mr Wellard-Jeffs**



Parent Support
Worker
- **Mrs McSweeney**

SEN Team



Assistant Head for
Inclusion
- *Mrs Stiles*



SENCo
Mrs Cook



SENCo
- *Mrs Jack*

Examination Results

Maidenhead Advertiser Serving the community

HOME NEWS SPORT WHAT'S ON LIFESTYLE BUY SELL TELL REMEMBER WHEN EDITORIAL

»News »Areas »Maidenhead

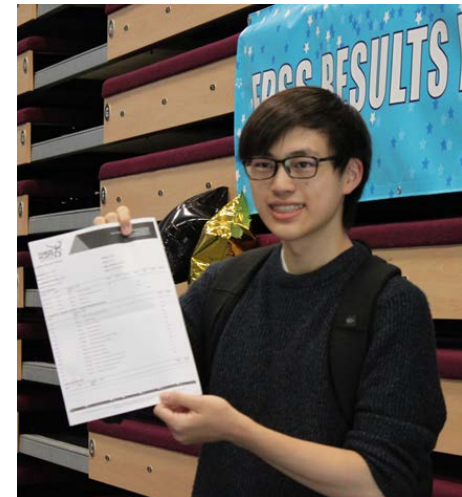
LIVE: GCSE results day 2023 in Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead

Written by Reporting team

08:45AM, Thursday 24 August 2023



Students are all smiles as they pick up their results at Furze Platt Senior School



Students ACHIEVE at GCSE.

A number of really outstanding results at GCSE

- Nearly 150 students have joined the 6th Form.
- 47 new students from other schools have joined our 6th form
- Students have gone to BCA, Reading College or to complete apprenticeships.

Students ACHIEVE at 6th Form

A number of our students achieved all A*'s at A level

- One student leaving to study Mathematics at Oxford
- 26 students places at Russell Group Universities
- Universities and colleges
- Apprenticeships
- Higher apprenticeships

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO ACHIEVE AT FURZE PLATT



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Our Values

*Above all, 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*

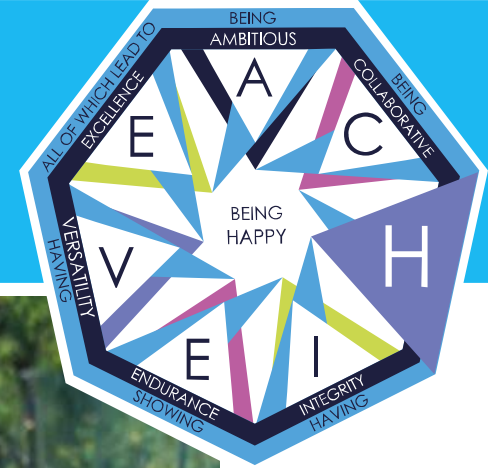
*All of which lead to **E**xcellence*



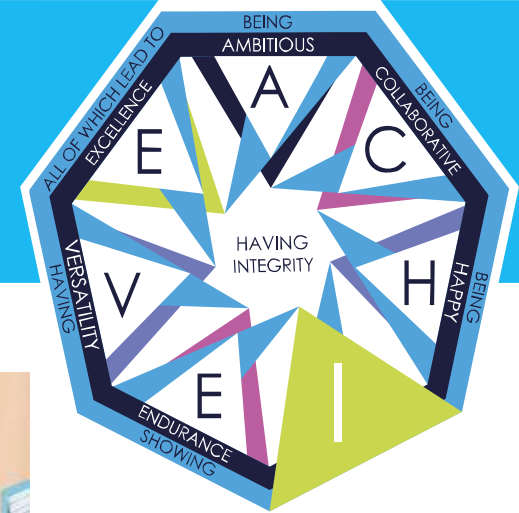
COLLABORATIVE



HAPPY



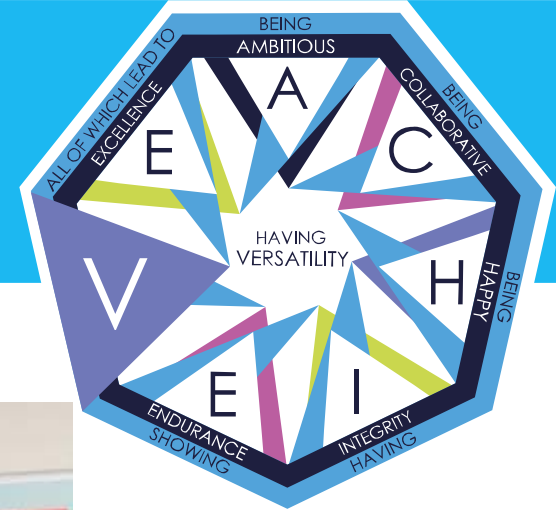
INTEGRITY



ENDURANCE



VERSATILITY



EXCELLENCE



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.

Who to contact?

- Form tutor: Please see slide with contact details
- Pastoral Manager: Mrs Maxine Carpenter
- Head of Progress: Ms Sharp
- Assistant Headteacher: Mr Wyles

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

Y7 Meet the tutors

- **Year 7 Tutor – Parents’ Consultation Evening – Thursday**
12th October – 16:30 – 19:00
- Appointments made electronically and evening held in person
- This will be an opportunity to meet the tutor. The person your child sees everyday, so will get to know.
- 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 2nd May 2024 15:45- 19.45pm

Appointments made electronically and held via
online platform

- 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.



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

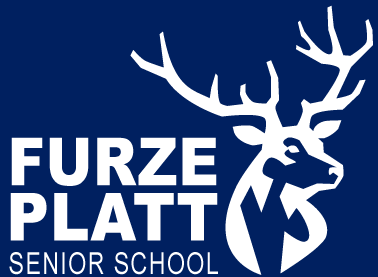
Forthcoming Events

LEARNING TO ACHIEVE



HOW LEARNING LOOKS FOR Y7

Ms Laura Sharp – Head of Progress Year 7



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Broad Based Curriculum

Students study these subjects during KS3.

We offer a broad curriculum to stretch and challenge the students in all areas of learning.

The breadth of the curriculum allows them over KS3 to develop knowledge, and interest that they would like to study at KS4 – GCSE's.

KS3 Subjects

English

Maths

Science

Art

PSHE

Spanish

German or French

Games

Technology

Drama

Food

Music

Geography

History

Philosophy and
Religion

F or P or S

Students are placed in 3 bands labelled F, P or S.

**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	Tutor Group 7KAH \$13 Ms K Herrick
1	History 7s/H12 H1 Mr A Wyles	Music 7s/Mu2 MU2 Mr M Swindell	Philosophy & R 7s/Pr2 P2 Miss L Dowell	English 7s1/En1 E1 Miss M B Timp	Maths 7s/Ma2 M8 Mrs S Ramanat
2	Games 7s/Ga2 Mr B Corbett	Computing 7s/Cp2 IT4 Miss L E Christie	Science 7s/Sc2 S10 Mr J M Sheppa	Philosophy & R 7s/Pr2 P2 Miss L Dowell	English 7s/En1 E11 Dr S Markham
3	Science 7s/Sc2 S5 Mr J M Sheppa	French 7s/Fr1 ML4 Mrs A Dixon	Geography 7s/Gg2 H4 Mrs D Brennan	Maths 7s/Ma2 M7 Ms C Threlfall	Pshe 7s/Ps1 H1 Mr A Colmier
4	English 7s/En1 E1 Miss M B Timp	Maths 7s/Ma2 M8 Mrs S Ramanat	Art & Design 7s/Ar2 AR1 Mr G Bahra	Spanish 7s/Sp2 ML1 Mrs A E Budget	Science 7s/Sc2 S11 Mr W H Cumow
5	Spanish 7s/Sp2 ML1 Mrs A E Budget	English 7s1/En1 E10 Dr S Markham	Technology 7s4/Te2 TE4 Mrs L Hawkins	Computing 7s/Cp2 IT4 Miss L E Christie	Drama 7s/Dr1 DS1 Mrs K Kalinows

	2Mon	2Tue	2Wed	2Thu	2Fri
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	Tutor Group 7KAH \$13 Ms K Herrick
1	French 7s/Fr1 ML4 Mrs A Dixon	Maths 7s/Ma2 M8 Mrs S Ramanat	English 7s/En1 E5 Dr S Markham	Spanish 7s/Sp2 ML1 Mrs A E Budget	History 7s/H12 H7 Mr A Wyles
2	Geography 7s/Gg2 H3 Mrs D Brennan	Technology 7s4/Te2 TE4 Mrs S Hirst	Games 7s/Ga2 Mr D Tipp	French 7s/Fr1 ML4 Mrs A Dixon	7s/Ga2 Mr B Corbett
3	Art & Design 7s/Ar2 AR1 Mr G Bahra	Science 7s/Sc2 S11 Mr W H Cumow	Music 7s/Mu2 MU2 Mr M Swindell	Drama 7s/Dr1 DS1 Mrs K Kalinows	Science 7s/Sc2 S4 Mr J M Sheppa
4	Maths 7s/Ma2 M10 Ms C Threlfall	Geography 7s/Gg2 H6 Mrs D Brennan	Science 7s/Sc2 S9 Mr J M Sheppa	History 7s/H12 H1 Mr A Wyles	Maths 7s/Ma2 M8 Mrs S Ramanat
5	Reading 7s/Rg1 E7 Dr S Markham	English 7s/En1 E1 Miss M B Timp	Maths 7s/Ma2 M8 Mrs S Ramanat	Games 7s/Ga2 Mr B Corbett	Pshe 7s/Ps1 H1 Mr A Colmier

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](#)

Home Learning

This term students will be set homework by teachers on a weekly basis. Teachers are asked to set relevant and meaningful homework so they will set it when it is appropriate.

Each piece should take no more than **30 minutes**.

Types of home learning.

- Completing Classwork
- Practising to embed knowledge and skills
- Applying knowledge from lessons
- Reviewing learning, researching and preparing for next lesson
- Revising for assessments
- Supervised Study.

Home Learning

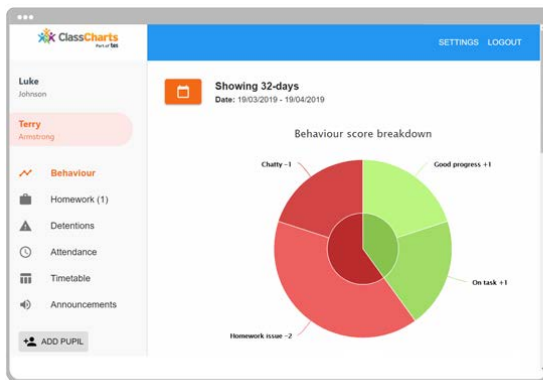


ClassCharts

CLASSCHARTS more information.



- Lesson timetable
- ACHIEVE POINTS
- Attendance
- Home learning
- Behaviour



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:

October 10th 2023 (A2L only), December 13th 2023, March 26th 2024 and June 28th 2024.

Reports will be available on Go4Schools.

Sample report

Subject	Progress	Attitude to Learning	Teacher
Art & Design	Good progress	Good	Miss E Holmes
Drama	Good progress	Good	Mrs A Bradley
English	Good progress	Good	Mr T Clark, Miss J Dale
French	Good progress	Good	Mrs N Benham
Games	Good progress	Good	Mr H Whitaker
Geography	Excellent progress	Good	Miss M Cassidy
History	Excellent progress	Good	Miss K Inwood
Maths	Good progress	Good	Mr P Harris
Music	Good progress	Good	Mr G Lewis
Philosophy & Religion	Excellent progress	Good	Miss M Cassidy
Pshe	Good progress	Good	Mr P Rowley
Science	Good progress	Good	Mrs J Bennett, Miss S O'Gorman
Spanish	Good progress	Good	Miss A Mesa Navas
Technology	Excellent progress	Good	Miss K MacAngus, Mr R Sampson-Chambers

Attendance Information

Percentage attendance:	96.81%
■ Attendance:	364
■ Authorised absences:	12
■ Unauthorised absences:	0
Possible sessions:	376



Sample report

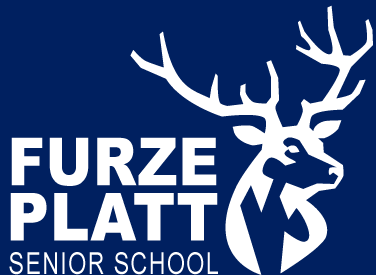
Subject	Age-related Grade	Approach to Learning	Teacher
Art & Design	6	Good	Miss E Holmes
Computing	8	Good	Mrs D Dee
Drama	8	Good	Miss S Gibson
English	5	Good	Miss H Brookling, Mrs D Sharp
French	7	Outstanding	Mrs A Dixon
Games	n/a	Outstanding	Mr C Djaelani, Mr J Dollery
Geography	6	Outstanding	Mrs D Brennan
History	7	Outstanding	Miss L Weger
Maths	8	Outstanding	Miss A Towell, Mr P Winterbottom
Philosophy & Religion	8	Outstanding	Miss L Dowell
Pshe	n/a	Outstanding	Miss K Gajewska
Science	7	Outstanding	Ms K Herrick
Spanish	7	Outstanding	Mr A Cruz
Technology	6	Outstanding	Dr A Morrison

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 Year 7.
- Staying at the same age-related grade as a student moves through Year 7 into Year 8 and year 9 is making progress.

Being happy and getting the most from school

Mr Andrew Wyles – Assistant
Headteacher KS3



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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](#)

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

PE

Hockey Club
Rugby Club
Fitness Club
Netball Club
Dodgeball Club
Morning Fitness
Circuit Training

Technology

Cooking Club

Trips

- Longridge – personal development and team building
- Geography rivers trip
- History Warwick Castle trip
- Drama theatre trip
- Others to follow...

Trips



Longridge

Date	Groups
Monday 25 th September	7ED 7BG 7KB
Tuesday 26 th September	7AK 7GD 7SI
Friday 29 th September	7DAB 7NAA 7JHL

Final arrangements

- Please look out for a letter confirming final details
- Please tick the box as required about water activities – no tick = no water activity
- Where possible share transport, there is limited space for vehicles

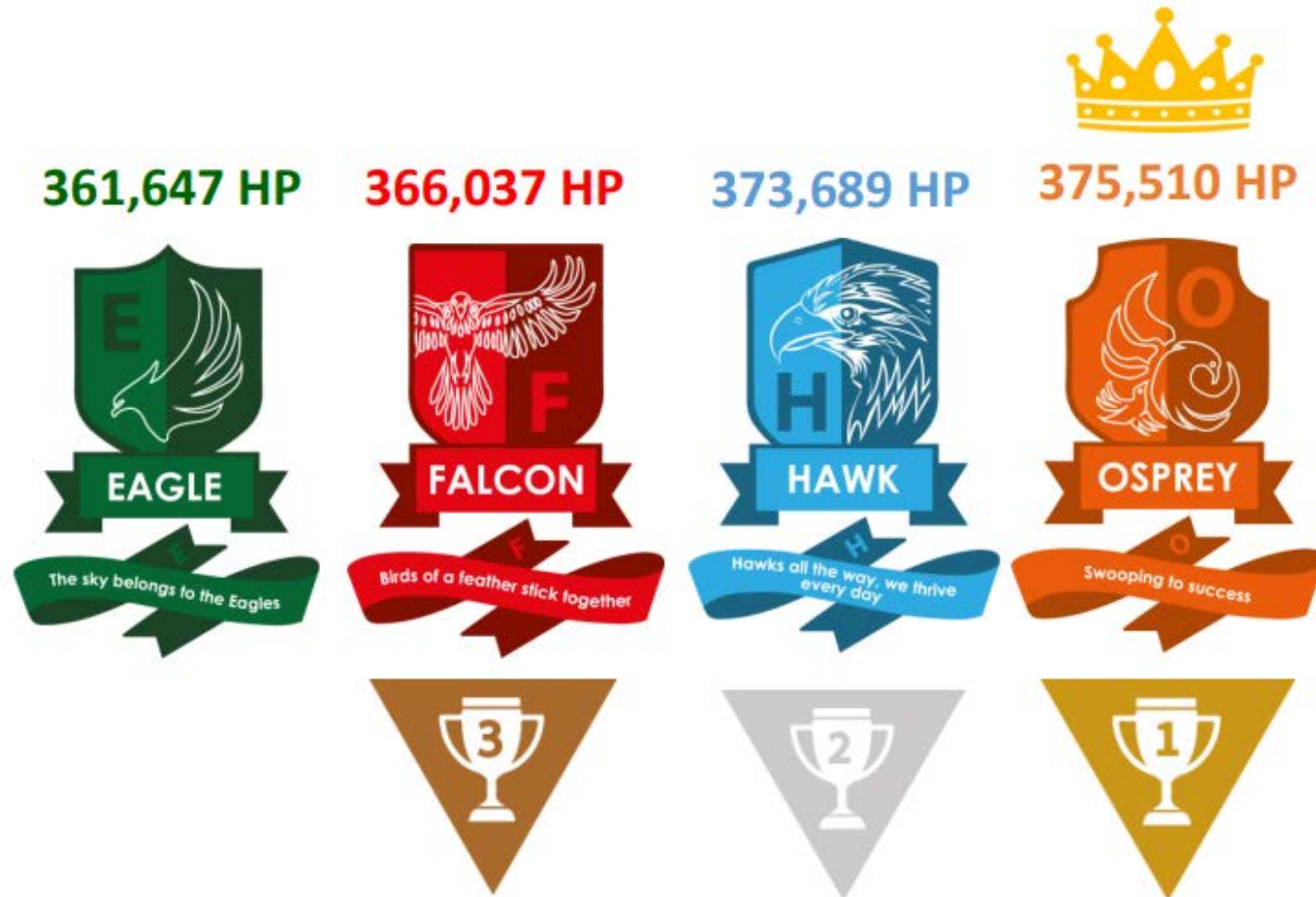
School Musical

Last year..



This year...

House System



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

Rewards

HOUSE POINTS



Badges



Positive Rewards

Every Lesson, Every Day

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

Weekly Rewards

Every week, staff will celebrate the successes of individual students and form groups. Staff will also make 'Praise Phone calls, sharing achievements of students with their families

Half Termly Rewards

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

Cumulative Rewards

As students accumulate their achievement 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.

Summary of our FPSS Expectations – Routines & Habits

EXPECTATIONS FOR FPSS STUDENTS



We are a rewards led community but..consequences

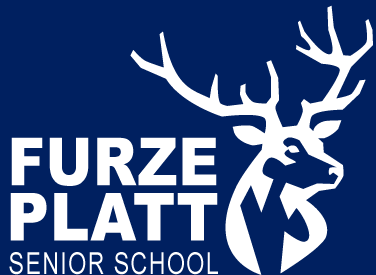
Break time detentions are break 1 for 20 mins. Students attend this detention the next day. Tutors and teachers will remind students.

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

Students are required to attend after school restorative conversations if students get sent out of the classroom or if students are defiant outside of lessons.

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

Ms Laura Sharp – 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

Reporting absences via ClassCharts

Absences

If your school has decided to allow parents to report absences, you will see the [Absences](#) tab when viewing pupils from that school.

Selecting this tab will display a list of [absences that you have reported](#), once you have reported them. This includes [when](#) the absence took place, the [reason](#) for the absence and who [acknowledged](#) your absence report.

To report an absence, click on the [Report new absence](#) button.

Next, enter the details of the reported absence into the [form](#) provided.

You can also include up to 5 [files](#) in your absence report as [supporting evidence](#). To do this, click on the [Attach supporting evidence](#) button and select the files of your choice.

Click on the [Submit](#) button to send your pupil's absence report to their school. The absence can be [edited](#) and [deleted](#) until it has been [acknowledged](#) by a teacher.

Date of absence

26/01/2021

✕

Reason for absence

Terry missed the bus today.

Please report your child's absences as soon as possible

Attachments

+ ATTACH SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

You can upload a maximum of 5 attachments, each up to 250mb in size.

SUBMIT

CANCEL

Support guides can be found [here](#)

Viewing attendance via ClassCharts

Selecting this tab will present you with a table of your child's [attendance](#) data for the past 31 days.

To change the displayed timeframe of attendance records, click on the [Date](#) button and select the date range of your choice.

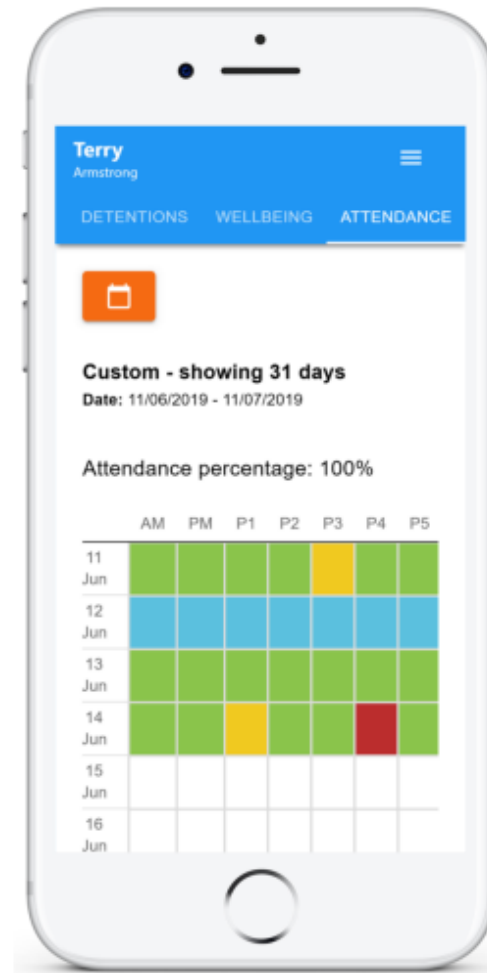
Attendance records fall under four categories: [Present](#), [Late](#), [Authorised absence](#) and [Unauthorised absence](#).

Present: Your child attended the lesson.

Late: Your child was late to the lesson.

Authorised absence: Your child did not attend the lesson, but had a valid reason for doing so.

Unauthorised absence: Your child did not attend the lesson and did not have a valid reason to do so.



Punctuality – get them here on time



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

8.35am


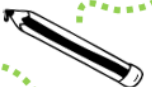






8.40.01am is late

Uniform - make sure they're looking smart



Equipment – load up their bag the night before

FURZE PLATT SEVEN

- 1 PENS 
 - 2 PENCIL 
 - 3 RULER 
 - 4 ERASER 
 - 5 PENCIL SHARPENER 
 - 6 CALCULATOR 
 - 7 FULLY CHARGED LAPTOP (YR 7 + 10) 
- PUT THEM ALL IN A PENCIL CASE 

Laptops for Learning

- We are expecting/hoping to rollout laptops next week.
- IT support is available if your child has a laptop as part of Laptops for Learning scheme.

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



ClassCharts

Support our standards

Once we arrive to our lessons, our FPSS expectations and lesson routines are:

1. We enter the classroom with our **voices off**
2. We go straight to our desk
3. We get our equipment out, so we are **ready to learn**
4. We open our exercise book, write down the date, title and **underline them**
5. We complete the 'Do Now' with our **voices off**

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

Trust us and talk to us.

- If you have concerns, please speak to us.

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
- Use data caps on mobile accounts and lock them
- Don't contact your child during the school day

Phones

Phones must be switched off and kept in sight

Can be used in the classroom if given by a member of staff

Set a digital curfew and keep phones downstairs overnight

Any questions?

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

Tutor Contact details:

7NAA: Norah.Angyiembe@furzeplatt.net

7BG: Bill.Goswell@furzeplatt.net

7JHL: Jerome.Langenhoven@furzeplatt.net

7EED: Erin.Dempsey@furzeplatt.net

7GSD: Giulia.Dissegna@furzeplatt.net

7DB: Danielle.Boseley@furzeplatt.net

7KEB: Karen.Barnes@furzeplatt.net

7SAI: Safia.Iqbal@furzeplatt.net

7ABK: Abi.Kirby@furzeplatt.net

Year 7 Pastoral Team :

Laura.sharp@furzeplatt.net

Maxine.Carpenter@furzeplatt.net

Who are the PTFA?

- The PTFA is a registered charity run by a highly motivated small group of volunteers.
- 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/fpsstpta>
 - Join your Facebook year group because we post information regularly
- The School Web site: <http://www.furzeplatt.com/page/?title=The+PTFA&pid=41>