

Welcome to our Sixth Form Newsletter.
Here you will find a summary of the week,
useful tips, career opportunities dates and
celebrations of successes!

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 14th September = PSHE

Thurs 17th September = first Raise and Give Meeting Break 2 in H8

Tues 13th October: trip to UCAS Create Your Future at the ExCeL Centre (Parent Mail has been sent out)

Friday 18th September = Deadline for all course changes for Year 12 students

What is Raise and Give?

Raise & Give is our Sixth Form fundraising society run by Year 12 & 13 students and Mrs Beale and Mrs Jennings, and often helped by Mrs Wilson. Together, we organise fundraising activities to raise money for a variety of charities.

If you were here in the lower school, you will have perhaps bought donuts, come to the Christmas Fair, sent Pal-entine sweets and much more. These were all Raise and Give societies.

If you would like to join our wonderful society, contribute to the school community, raise money for charities, please email Mrs Beale on claire.beale@furzeplatt.net

It is also a great thing to put on your CV, a great way to make friends and feel part of the Sixth Form.

Raise & Give tends to meet Thursdays Break 2 and our first meeting this year will be **Thurs 17th October Break 2 in H8**.



Last week's events



Thank you to all Year 12 and Year 13 students and their families that attended the Success in the Sixth Form presentations last week.

I hope you found these useful.

As a reminder, these presentations are on the school website and can be found by clicking on [this link](#).

Last week also saw the school's Celebration Evening, which was a brilliant event, full of recognition of amazing talent, hard work and brilliance in our school. We were lucky to have a very moving speech from Nick Winton, son of Nicholas Winton on the night.

You will find some reference to Nick's important message in the 'Deputy Digest' page at the end of this newsletter – a new feature written by our very own Deputy Senior Students.

Special thanks to the Senior Students, who gave excellent speeches and compered their first public event beautifully.

Thanks also to all those students that supported the evening with car park marshalling, drinks serving and ushering – it was excellent to receive the offers of support from students for the night.



Year 13

The Eisenhower Matrix



www.expertprogrammanagement.com

As you enter the last leg of your journey here at Furze Platt organisation will be key.

Use the Eisenhower method to help you get to grips of what you need to focusing on when to help with deadlines and home learning.

It was great to see everyone at the Prepare to Succeed evening and we hope you got some great tips on how to transition from Year 12 into year 13.

Here are the key takeaways:

- Effective retrieval is only possible with continual revision and practise of learning
- Retrieval is a small % of marks – application of knowledge is different contexts helps yield higher marks
- Organisation of notes must be accessible and encourage active revision
- Students learn best when they vary subject/content over fixed time limits

Now is the time to get locked in, there is going to be a lot on your plate these next few months. The quicker you get your plan of action in place the easier it will be down the line.

Speak to us if you are unsure or need support, you have a load of amazing resources at your finger tips, utilise them.



Year 12

We have just completed our first full week of 6th form; I hope you have found it enjoyable and challenging.

I think one of the biggest differences between 6th form and KS4 is the amount of self-motivation that you will need; it's been great to see so many of you making the right choices in the 6th form area and electing to work in the silent study area. All of the work you do in the background now will come together for that success on results day.

A big thank you to all those who attended the Prepare to Succeed evening. Some really important information was shared, not least of which was the idea about the Pomodoro timer.

<https://www.furzeplatt.com/attachments/download.asp?file=7507&type=pdf>

This really struck me as being a fantastic idea for those of us who struggle to work when the timings or deadlines are open ended. Having a specific amount of time to study really forces the mind to concentrate. How about giving it a go this week to consolidate your learning!

REC has got off to a great start, for teachers as well as students!

I saw some really great things from the clunking of weights in the gym to the chugging of power chords in the band room!

It's important to give yourself time where work is the last thing on your mind; this applies both in school and out of school!

Have a great weekend everybody!

Trip to ExCel Centre 13th October 2026

There will be a trip to the ExCel Centre on Tues 13th October for those interested in a career in the creative industry. Parents and Carers have been sent a Parentmail and will need to pay £16 on Arbor to book a place on the coach. Here are some photos from last year to give you an idea....





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Seasonal jobs with John Lewis and Waitrose



If you are looking for a part-time job, John Lewis and Waitrose often employ staff for their busy period of the year which includes Black Friday and Christmas.

They tend to be advertised from the end of September to November and you can register for alerts for John Lewis [here](#) and for Waitrose [here](#)

Work experience during the October Half Term

Doing work experience is a great thing to put in your CV and job/uni applications. It also helps you see if the industry you are considering really is the right thing for you. Here are some options for you to look at during half term. Some are in-person and others are virtual.

[Story telling and visual effects](#)

[Publishing](#)

[Cyber Security](#)

[Film, TV, Games & Animation](#)

[AI](#)

[Energy & Utilities](#)

[Healthcare & Medicine](#)

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Get Into Law – Free Virtual Insight Evening- Wed 16th September 5-7pm

Thinking about Law as a career?
Why not sign up for this virtual insight event.



What you will gain:

- An insight into life in the legal profession
- Tips on how to apply
- Hands-on break out rooms with interactive workshops with individual firms
- Live Q&A
- A certificate of attendance to add to your CV

Sign up [here](#).

It will ask you for the email of Head of Careers and you can put mine:
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And for your Head of Year:

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National Competition with Barclays LifeSkills supported by **Atlassian Williams F1 Team**



Want to learn how to use AI in the workforce?

Plus, potentially win £5,000 for your school?

Then this competition could be for you....

Take on a real-world challenge from Atlassian Williams F1 Team, combining AI with uniquely human skills to research and develop and present a creative solution.

Working individually or in teams, you will develop skills employers consistently say they value, such as adaptability, communication, creativity, problem solving, critical thinking and ethical reasoning as they compete to create a winning idea. **Watch our video to learn more about the competition.**

Register for the competition [here](#).



As always, I am here if anyone wants to meet for a 1:1 careers appointment. Just speak to me in person or email me on claire.beale@furzeplatt.net

Deputy Digest



Even the smallest action can change someone's world.

Call To Action!

Keeping the kitchen area clean!

Over this week we have found:

Chewing gum left in the sink

Dirty cutlery and crockery left on the side and mixed in with the clean washing

Please clean up after yourself!

Quote of the week
“If something is not fundamentally **impossible** then there must be a way of doing it!”

– Sir Nicholas Winton



Tips for sixth form survival

Make sure to Pre-read

Use independent study periods effectively

Acts of good will

Students sorting and tucking in chairs in the common room. – **Eddie Suiters**

Students clearing up rubbish that wasn't there – **Adam Wilson**

The year 12s have started the year of with a flying start blowing the year 13s out of the water with their willingness to volunteer at the award evening. It was only **Illango and Savannah** pulling the year 13s weight. **Step it up!**

To share any positive actions, email Deputy Senior Students:
starkeyl@furzeplatt.com

Student notices

RAG is our schools fundraising group who help to support local charities.

Anyone who is looking to help the school, and join RAG please email Mrs Beale.

Year 13s with any prom suggestions please email Pablo and Sofia