

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thames Hospice Fundraising

Thank you to the Furze Platt Senior School community for your generosity and kindness towards our Thames Hospice fundraising campaign. Our community has worked together to raise in excess of £18,300. This is a massive achievement and testament to the ambition and collaboration of all involved.



Our fundraising culminated on Wednesday with the entire school outside watching staff being gunged and having their beard and heads shaved. By now I am sure that you will have seen photos, video or simply had your children describe events. It was a great occasion with students coming together to watch, but also participate - with many wielding the clippers or pouring buckets of gunge over FPSS staff. They seemed to enjoy doing so.

There were many colleagues who contributed but I would like to particularly thank James Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher (centre back right of picture) for initiating and organising this initiative. More pictures and videos of the event on page 6 of this newsletter.

However, ultimately the success of the event and fundraising was through the money we are able to donate to Thames Hospice. For that, I wish to thank all of you who gave so generously. If you haven't donated yet and would like to, you can do so here:

DONATE HERE

UPCOMING EVENTS
TERM 4 EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

TUE 26 MARCH	Spring Concert	7-9pm
THU 28 MARCH	END OF TERM (TERM 4)	12.30pm finish
FRI 29 - FRI 12 MARCH - APRIL	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
MON 15 MARCH	START OF TERM 5 (Week 1)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Year 11 and 13 Drama Examination Performances

Many congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 students who performed so well in their GCSE and A Level exam pieces on Wednesday and Friday. You were fantastic and I know your teachers were very proud of your efforts.



SPRING CONCERT

BOOK YOUR TICKETS **PREVIEW: SOUND CLIP**

TUE 26 MARCH 2024

**Doors open at 6.20pm
for a 7pm start**

All proceeds from this event will be kindly donated by the Music Department to Thames Hospice.

Music Concert – Tuesday 26th March

Finally, I look forward to seeing our community come together once again next Tuesday for our Music Concert.

Take care,

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



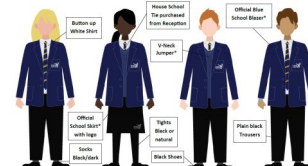
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YEAR 11 PHOTOS, PROM, GRADUATION AND LEAVERS' HOODIES INFORMATION

Parents and carers of our Year 11 students were emailed this week with details of these upcoming events.

Year 11 Photos: Monday 25th March

Students are to be in full clean uniform, details can be found here:



YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 REPORTS

The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents or by clicking the link below which takes you to our website and includes our latest Guidance to Grading document.

[VIEW REPORT](#)

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

YEAR 11 SCIENCE PRE PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

On Monday, Year 11 students will be sitting their Science Paper 2 PPE for Biology.

Monday 25th March – Biology

- Topics B10-16 Separate science, B10-15 Combined science.
- Practicals: Response time, Sampling, effect of light & gravity on seedlings (Separate science only)
- Practicals: Hooke's Law, Force & extension, Infrared radiation, Waves (ripple tank & string), Reflection & refraction* (Separate Science only)
- Remember, you do NOT need to memorize the equations!

- **Recap the topics** using Youtube ("Free science lessons") or GCSE Pod activities that are set for you

- **Make revision cards or notes** using a revision guide or BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zsc9rdm>

- **Put your knowledge into practice.** You can either do this by the questions at the end of each page on Bitesize, or try some old exam questions by using Physics and Maths tutor site (Paper 2 only) <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/physics-revision/gcse-aqa/>

Mr H Curnow, Head of Physics

Graduation: Wednesday 19th June

Tickets are available to order now via ParentMail. Please can you confirm tickets by Friday 24th May. We also request any outstanding learning resources (e.g. textbooks) are returned then.

Prom: Thursday 20th June

Students will need a minimum of 400 positive points to attend Prom. Full information on venue and costings was sent out to parents this week.

Leavers' Hoodies

Information will be sent out in due course on how to purchase these.



YEAR 8 – LANGUAGES OPTIONS CHOICES

At Furze Platt students choose their GCSE options in Year 9 and will continue to study a broad curriculum, ensuring students are well prepared for their GCSEs which start in Year 10. Students will choose their GCSE options during Term 3 in 2024. However, to prepare students for the demands of GCSEs some subjects in Year 9 will be given slightly more lesson time than in Years 7 and 8.

This week all Year 8 students had a tutor presentation that explained that students will choose to focus on just one language in Year 9 from September 2024.

You can also indicate if your child wishes to continue studying two languages. Further information about how lessons for a second language will be structured will be sent once students have made their choices.

The language the student chooses to continue studying in Year 9 will be the language taken to GCSE level, if they continue with languages. This is therefore an important decision to make. To help students with their decision, languages teachers will discuss language options during

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lessons. If you want to discuss the choice further, please do email your child's languages teachers in the first instance and they will be happy to talk through the options further.

To indicate the language your child wishes to continue studying please complete the Microsoft Form available on the link below:

ONLINE BOOKING FORM

Please ensure the form is completed by Monday 15th April.

Thank you for your time reading this letter and if you do have any questions please contact us at school.

Miss L Stirling, Head of Options

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U13 FOOTBALL BEAT COX GREEN

Well done to our Year 7 boys' football team who were victorious against a hard working Cox Green side this week. The final result of 3-1 to Furze Platt showed the boys' tenacity and determination.



Pablo Chicote Amigo
Henry Eckersley
Freddie Faires
Ethan Garrett
Lewis Garrett
Henry Harding
Rhys Harris

Patryk Kurenda
Thomas Ling
Woody Mackenzie-Baker
Toby Mastrilli
Noah McLaughlin
Jordan Parkinson
Dominic Terry

TURTLE CONSERVATION TRIP TO GREECE

FOR CURRENT YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for showing an interest in the turtle conservation project to Greece in July 2025 for your son / daughter. This message outlines the pertinent information and the next steps for applying for a place on the trip. All the following information was covered at the information evening on Tuesday 19th March.

FIND OUT MORE

To find out about the itinerary and more please click the link above. The password is 'greece'.

Dates

The trip is currently due to **depart on Tuesday 9th July 2025 and return on Thursday 18th July 2025.**

Cost

The cost of the project is £1400 + flights*

(*Flights and airport transfers will be booked 11 months prior to departure and are currently estimated to be approximately £450)

Total cost - £1850

Payment plan

Friday 26 th April 2024	£150 deposit due
Friday 12 th July 2024	£500
Friday 13 th September 2024	£500
Friday 14 th March 2025	Balance ~ £700

Please note - the £150 deposit is non-refundable – Further payments will only be refunded if the vacant space on the trip can be filled.

Parents

If you would like to apply for a place for your child on the trip, please follow this link and complete the application form. Please note that your child will also need to complete a student application form (this link is below the heading of Students). Deadline for applications is Friday 29th March.

PARENT APPLICATION FORM

Students

If you would like to apply for a place on the trip, please follow the link and complete the application form. Your parent must also have completed a parent application form. Link above. Deadline for applications is Friday 29th March.

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

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YEAR 11 EASTER SESSIONS**Revision Packs**

Revision resources for each subject are on FP-Cloud under Raising Achievement and Year 11. Within this site there are links to subject-specific revision websites, revision guides, how to revise tutorials, and past papers with their associated mark schemes, examiners' reports etc.

Easter Holidays 29.3.24 – 12.4.24

Deadline to book: Wednesday 27th March

Revision

The school will be open during the Easter holidays and staff will be offering a range of revision workshops. Details of these have been sent to Year 11 parents and carers this week via ParentMail and we strongly encourage all Year 11 students to attend. Full details of how to pay, timetables and bookings can be found in the ParentMail letter sent last week.

Please complete the online booking form, which can be found below by Wednesday 27th March.

ONLINE BOOKING FORM

Please take care to only select the revision classes that your child will definitely be attending. RA (Raising Achievement) revision workshops are by invitation only and students attending these sessions will be invited separately by Mrs Feather.

w/c 22.4.24: Exam Timetables

Personalised exam timetables have been given out. It is important that students check these thoroughly so they know when their exams are. Making a copy of this timetable is often a good idea. Students will also receive the official JCQ exam regulations information with their timetables. We recommend that you discuss these with your son/daughter to ensure that they are absolutely clear about expectations of how they conduct themselves during exams.

9.5.24 – 22.5.23: Exam Phase 1

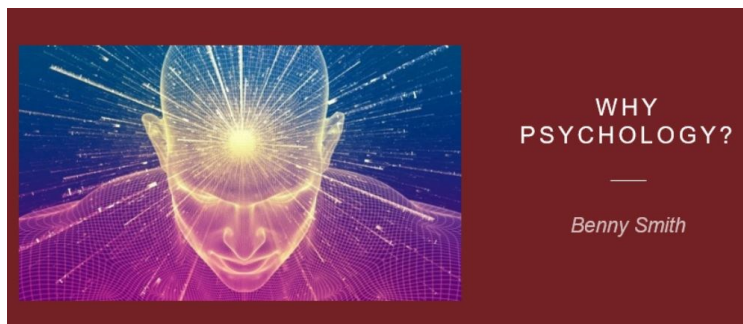
The main body of exams starts in full on Thursday 9th May. During Exam Phase 1, students will either be in an exam, a revision session for that exam or in their normal lessons. However, students will not be expected to attend tutor time and will thus not be required in school until

Tuesday 19 th March 2024	Parent Information Evening
Friday 29 th March 2024	Applications close
Friday 19 th April 2024	Places allocated
Friday 26 th April 2024	£150 deposit due
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If you require any more details about the trip or would like to discuss any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me: David.randall@furzeplatt.net

Mr D Randall

Outdoor Education and Enrichment Coordinator

**WHY PSYCHOLOGY AS A DEGREE?****By Hayden Moore Year 12**

Benny Smith visited the Sixth Form to provide valuable information on both the topic of psychology in university as well as university life. He talked passionately about his interests in Psychology and was very open and welcoming to questions. His talk has inspired me to consider going to university to study Psychology and I now feel much more informed on the topic of university.

Thank you to Benny from students and staff for his fascinating visit.

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8.45am if they have a 9.00am exam or 9.10am if they are going to normal lessons or a revision session. When students have an afternoon exam they will be permitted to leave the school site as soon as the exam finishes.

23.5.24 – 19.6.24: Exam Phase 2

From Thursday 23rd May Exam Phase 2 starts. During this phase students will attend their exams and the associated revision sessions. When they are not in an exam or a revision session they will have Home Study, where they will be expected to be working at home preparing for their next exam.

Details of the revision programme that will run during Exam Phases 1 & 2 will be published shortly after the exam boards confirm the final exam timetable.

Best regards,
Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher



‘Teachers’ subject knowledge is particularly strong. Most teachers are subject specialists.’

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YEAR 13 EASTER REVISION SESSIONS

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We are able to offer Easter revision sessions for the following subjects:

- Psychology
- Physics
- History
- Politics
- Drama
- Fashion and Textiles
- Product Design

We have shared the timetable of the Easter revision sessions with students this week, and have also shared a link with students to the MS Form that students will need to complete to let us know they will be attending the sessions.

I would take this opportunity to say how important some additional time with teachers could be for our young people and so I would encourage all students taking one or more of the subjects here to take advantage and sign up for as many as they can. I would be very appreciative if parents and carers could encourage their children to sign up to the relevant revision sessions.

My thanks to all parents and carers for their support and encouragement.

Mr P Ging, Head of Sixth Form

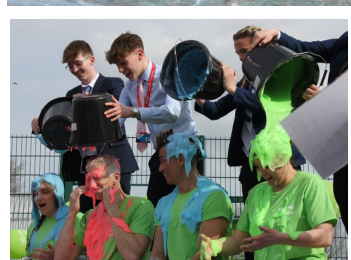
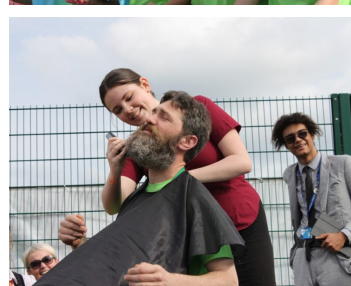
THAMES HOSPICE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Thames hospice

On the next page you can see photos and video footage from our Fundraising Events yesterday.

We would like to thank our students and staff who took time out to take the footage and pictures, or who presented so confidently to the whole school:

Tech:	Presenters:	Staff:
Arlo Challis	Lily Hatch	Miss Chetwood
Finley Cozens	Kieran King	Mr Ging
Heidi Grant	Pippa Largey	Mrs Holden
Xander Owen	Daisy Rippon	Mr Sheppard



THE BIG DAY! - WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

We had an amazing afternoon in the sun, with the whole school out to watch teachers get gunged and shaved.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and to our visitors from Thames Hospice!

MRS PHILLIPS - THAT'S TV THAMES VALLEY VIDEO ON TWITTER

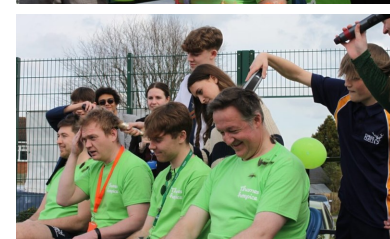
HEADTEACHER'S THANK YOU VIDEO

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER'S THANK YOU VIDEO

HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO

ROUNDUP VIDEO

WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/PAGE/FPSS-THAMES-HOSPICE





Individuals

Whole School

(£10 Amazon Voucher and chocolate)

Year 8 – Zach Thrift 8MEE

Year Groups

(All to get chocolate bar)

Year 9 – Alfie Wetherall 9SVJ

Year 7 – Zaki Latif 7SAI

Year 10 – Andreea Tomitin 10CRR

Year 11 – Sam Cranch 11BLC

Sixth Form – Harrison Search 6MNW

Tutor Groups

Whole School

(Biscuits and front of queue pass)

9SVJ

Year Groups

(All to get biscuits)

7EED

8TAS

10JAS

11BLC

6MNW



‘Pupils are friendly,
courteous and polite.’

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Lost Property will be cleared down for Easter at the end of next week. If your son/daughter is missing anything please do ask them to have a look here.

Thank you.

PLANNED CONSULTATION ON NEW SEND PROVISION IN THE ROYAL BOROUGH



Consultation on new SEN provision in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is consulting local pupils, parents and community groups on proposals to add new provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). You can find out more about the proposals and give your views [here](#). The consultation will be open until midday on Friday 26th April 2024.

SOCIAL MEDIA TIPS



ONLINE SAFETY TIPS - SNAPCHAT

Please see the link below for useful tips on how to get the best from Snapchat. These resources are appropriate to be shared with students and we would encourage them to take a look.

SNAPCHAT



there. Many thanks to the Eco Hub volunteers who made this possible! Gardening Club meet every Tuesday after school in S12. All welcome.

TERM 4 CLUBS 2024

Parents and carers may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc – you can do this from the club or academic support clinic emails sent to you in two easy steps:

1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs/clinics
2. Click 'create account' button.

Please note:

* once in the list of clubs or academic support clinics, click on the name of the activity or session you wish to book and press confirm

* please do not duplicate club bookings per session

* students in upper years may see invitations to academic clubs that are not part of their specific academic programme; emails are sent to year groups so please only choose sessions that are relevant to your son/daughter

SCHOOL CLUB LIST

'The school is rightly proud of its extra-curricular provision.'

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GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club had an exciting trip to the Eco Hub in Maidenhead town centre this week for a talk about the importance of composting, earthworms (demonstration with live specimens) and to explore the information available



Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

facebook.com/fpsstfta **Website:** [click here to access](#)

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?

News from your PTFA.

Did you know? We've recently donated around £6,500 to the school to spend on lathes and other tools for the Design Dept, and lab coats and calculators for the Science Dept. These will all greatly enhance your children's learning experience at the school, and we and the school staff are really grateful to everybody who has put in time and money to make this possible.

Now we need your help to carry on and make even more of a difference! Here's a short video that explains how you can help

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

- Volunteer to help serve refreshments at the Spring Concert on 26th March
- Help run the 200 Club - one of our main fundraisers and really important to keep the funds flowing but does not take very much time at all
- Become a Uniform Coordinator and help manage our supplies of donated second hand uniform - makes us a lot of money but also provides a vital service to the school and parents
- Join the 200 Club to donate £5 a month (literally less than the cost of a hot chocolate!) and be in with the chance of winning £200 at the next draw - sign up here [Furze Platt Senior School PTFA 200 Club - Monthly Donation | Furze Platt Senior School PTFA \(Powered by Donorbox\)](#)

200 CLUB - MONTHLY DONATION

Please drop us a line under the Facebook video, or email ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net if you would like to find out more.

We look forward to hearing from you!

'Parents and guardians speak enthusiastically about the school. They value the school's commitment to academic and personal development.'

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TEAM
 TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net
facebook.com/fpsstfta **Website:** [click here to access](#)

Exam Invigilators - Casual

EDV/2024/FPSS/16576

Term time only. Casual contract.

📍 Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ

🕒 Casual Contract | N/A

💷 £14.15 Hourly



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30 Days Remaining • Apply by Midnight, Sunday 31st Mar, 2024

Join our Trust Talent Pool

We do not currently have any vacancies available at schools across Furze Platt Senior School. Please visit our Trust careers page at MyNewTerm to join our talent pool and we will review your application.



Join Talent
Pool



Join our growing
team and make a
positive difference

Our team working across the borough and our services are growing, take a look at our open opportunities

Rehabilitation Care Assistant - £24,424

Our Reablement teams support people to get back on their feet and regain their independence, following a temporary illness or injury. Join our team of experienced Rehabilitation Assistants, supporting people to recover in their own homes by helping to manage personal care, meals and medicines alongside physiotherapy and occupational therapy programmes.

Service Co-Ordinator (STS&R)- £30,270

The Service Coordinator is a vital part of this team, carrying key responsibilities such as processing referrals into the service, supervising a team of Rehabilitation Care Assistants including allocating and co-ordinating their workload, carrying out initial assessment visits and undertaking a practical role to assist with the delivery of service when required. Due to the nature of this role, supervisory experience and an NVQ/CQF Level 3 in health and social care is desired.

Support Worker - £22,572.70

In this role you will work with people with learning disabilities, supporting them in their own home with all aspects of their daily routines to ensure that they are able to live the lives they want to. You will work with residents and their support networks to help individuals retain practical and social skills.

Optalis, the adult social care delivery partner for Royal Borough Windsor & Maidenhead Council. Optalis are owned and funded by the Councils. We are not an agency or private provider.

Hourly Pay Rates Start From £11.70 Per Hour

Experience is not essential as a full induction programme and an assigned mentor is appointed to assist your transition to Optalis.

Join us and enjoy:

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- Flexible work patterns including, full, part time and weekends only.
- Career progression working with an experienced dedicated team

For opportunities in the Windsor & Maidenhead Borough contact alison.reeves@optalis.org

www.optalis.org/jobs

I care...
Ambassadors



Easter

Monday 8 to Thursday 11 April

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

For children with access to free school meals

The programme is known
as **FUEL** in RBWM



**The Royal Borough of
Windsor and Maidenhead**

E: HAF@achievingforchildren.org.uk
Funded by the Department for Education



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for children**

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



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www.skipssafetynet.org



TOGETHER AS
ONE

RBWM YOUNG HEALTH CHAMPIONS



Frimley Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Develop new skills, gain a formal qualification, make a difference



WHY GET INVOLVED?

- Lead change in your community
- Level 2 Qualification accredited by the Royal Society of Public Health
- Develop confidence, communication and teamwork skills
- Stand out content for your CV or UCAS application
- Spread positive health messages



Beginning April 2024!