

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Guys and Dolls Jr

What a show! Thank you to all members of our community who supported Guys and Dolls Jr this week. Large audiences have enjoyed superb performances. Alongside the amazing soloists, there were some terrific group numbers all backed up by an expert stage and lighting crew.

I know the students massively appreciated the good luck message from the current West End cast which you can see via the link below.

GOOD LUCK MESSAGE VIDEO

To ACHIEVE this level of excellence takes much talent, many hours of rehearsals and a huge commitment from students and staff alike. Congratulations to all for making Guys and Dolls a performance to remember. You can see photos of the show on page 3 of this newsletter.

Celebration Events

This week many of our top ACHIEVE points scorers and attendees during Term 3 have been rewarded through a series of events. Many congratulations to all those who have excelled this term.

Goodbyes

Sadly, we say goodbye to Sarah Harris (Photography) today as she moves to another school. We wish both her and Alistair Lindsay (Maths) every success for the future.

Happy Half Term!

Finally, I wish you and your families a great half term. We will see students back at school on Monday 19th February.

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

TERM 4 EVENTS

MON 19 FEBRUARY	START OF TERM 4 (Week 1)	
WED 21 FEBRUARY	Ski Trip Parents' Information Evening	6.30-7.30pm
THU 22 FEBRUARY	Bronze and Silver DofE Meeting, Theatre	6-7pm
SAT 2 MARCH	DofE Silver Training Day	9am-2pm
THU 7 MARCH	Year 8 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	3.45pm-7.45pm
FRI 8 MARCH	Late School Start	9.15am
THU 21 MARCH	Year 10 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm-7.15pm
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

'Pupils' relationships are shaped by the ACHIEVE values of the school, which stands for 'Ambitious, Collaborative, Happy, Integrity, Endurance, Versatility, Excellence'.'

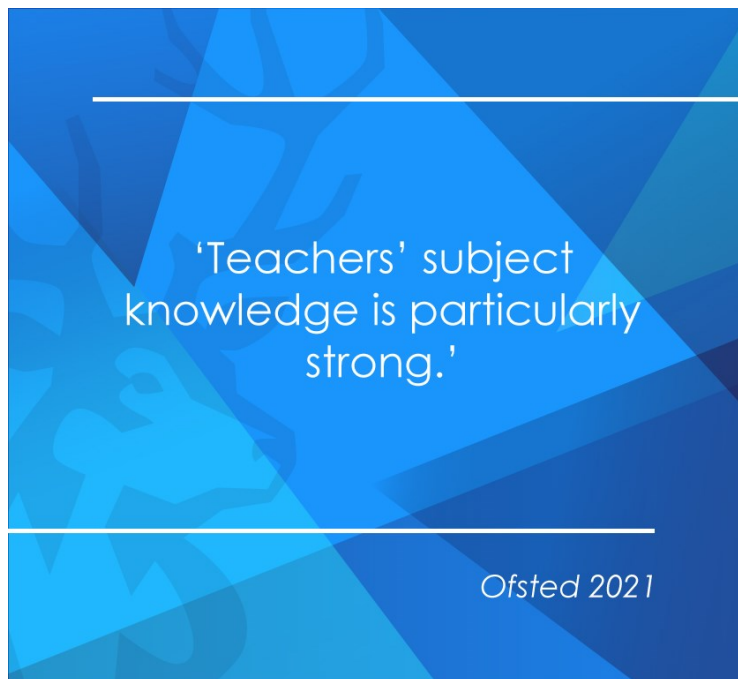
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YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 REPORTS



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 REPORTS](#)



will also be able to answer any questions that you or your child might have.

In the meantime, you will be able to find information about the trip on the micro site, if you scroll down to the bottom of the site you will find a kit list which you may find useful at this time.

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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at david.randall@furzeplatt.net.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Randall, Outdoor Education and Enrichment Leader



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



Parents and carers of our Bronze and Silver Award students were sent a letter this week with full details of their DofE Expedition along with information on kit lists, cookery, medical and more. Please see our DofE page on the school website for more details.

[LINK TO DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS PAGE](#)

YEAR 8 WALES TRIP

YEAR 8

PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING: THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 6PM

This is advance notice of a Parents' Information evening on Thursday 18th April at 6pm in the School Theatre for families of students attending the Year 8 Wales trip.



Flooglebinder

At the meeting representatives from Flooglebinder and the school staff will be there to talk you through the itinerary and arrangements for the trip. They

SIXTH FORM TRIP TO GREECE

6th

PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2024

This is advance notice of a Parents' Information evening for families of students attending the trip to Greece. The meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 6pm in the school Library.



Flooglebinder

At the meeting representatives from Flooglebinder and the school staff will be there to talk you through the itinerary and all arrangements for the trip. They will also be able to answer any questions that you or your child might have.

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S PASSPORT TO THIS MEETING

If you have any further questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at david.randall@furzeplatt.net.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Randall, Outdoor Education and Enrichment Leader



GUYS & DOLLS JR.

Feedback from a local junior school:

"Thank you (and all your talented performers) for the amazing performance of Guys and Dolls that we were lucky enough to watch on Monday afternoon. The performance was outstanding and you have some incredibly talented performers (and staff who helped them reach that level of performance). The children really enjoyed the performance and it acted as a source of inspiration about what can be achieved in plays and musical theatre (which we have been studying). Please pass on our thanks and admiration to all. It was brilliant!"

GOOD LUCK MESSAGE FROM ORIGINAL CAST





YEAR 10 PERFORMING ARTS EVENING



YEAR
10

Brilliant performances from our Year 10 musicians and actors during their recent Performing Arts evening – we were very impressed!

TERM 4 CLUBS 2024

Parents and carers should have received emails for clubs and academic support clinics for next term. Please do not delete this email as more clubs may be added through the term.

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
- * younger year groups may only see some clubs running Mon-Weds as we have many academic support clubs for exam year groups this term
- * older students should only attend academic support clinics for the subjects they are studying

SCHOOL CLUB LIST

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

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SUPER SPORTS RESULTS

Fanstastic efforts from all our Interhouse competitors this week – our overall winners are below with the individual year group totals:

Overall winners:

1 st	Falcons	3,800pts
1 st	Ospreys	3,800pts
3 rd	Hawks	3,400pts
4 th	Eagles	2,400pts



Year 7

1 st	Ospreys	1000pts
2 nd	Falcons	600pts
3 rd	Eagles	400pts
4 th	Hawks	200pts

Year 8

1 st	Hawks	1000pts
2 nd	Falcons	600pts
3 rd	Eagles	400pts
4 th	Ospreys	200pts

Year 9

1 st	Ospreys	1000pts
2 nd	Eagles	600pts
2 nd	Falcons	600pts
4 th	Hawks	200pts

Year 10

1 st	Hawks	1000pts
2 nd	Falcons	600pts
3 rd	Ospreys	400pts
4 th	Eagles	200pts

Year 11

1 st	Ospreys	1000pts
2 nd	Hawks	600pts
3 rd	Falcon	400pts
4 th	Eagles	200pts

Sixth Form

1 st	Falcons	1000pts
2 nd	Eagles	600pts
3 rd	Hawks	400pts
4 th	Ospreys	200pts



YEAR 8 BOYS' FOOTBALL

Our Year 8 students played some excellent football against a strong Cox Green side with a 2-0 win. The boys adapted to the conditions and worked hard to gain and keep their lead through the second half. There were some stand out performances from Bilal Aziz, Jack Bushell and Will Hayward.



Team list:

Albert Henwood	Ibrahim Khan
Bilal Aziz	Will Hayward
Joshua Cookson	Jack Admans
Lukas McLachlan	Rupert Harding
Jack Bushell	Charlie Hill
	Noah Whelan

UK ATHLETICS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done also to Demari Gumbs (Year 13) who has been invited to race at the UK Athletics Indoor Championships 2024 in Birmingham on the last weekend of half term. It is doubly impressive he has been invited to compete as he is the youngest racer in his event!

ENGLISH SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to Archie Charles and Joe Brooker (both Year 8) who have both been selected to represent Berkshire in the English Schools Cross-Country Championships in Pontefract on Saturday 16th March. Alexander Davison (Year 9) and Toby Holmes (Year 10) have also been named as reserves for the event.

(Archie, Joe, Alexander and Toby pictured left to right.)



FITNESS CLUB

Every Wednesday morning our Fitness Club students participate in a wide range of healthy activities;



Wednesdays

7.40 - 8.30

Fitness Suite



YEAR 9 PSHE



Year 9 have been getting involved in an NHS careers competition where you research your chosen career from the NHS and then create a fun and lively job advert based on it.



This could range from posters, leaflets, videos, board games or video games and much more! Students have been working really hard on their entries during PSHE lessons. They could even win prizes from the NHS:

Overall national winner

- artwork displayed in public as a real-life job advert
- Amazon voucher worth £50, plus an NHS goody bag
- a prize for the school!
- a framed certificate

Regional winners

- Amazon voucher worth £25, plus an NHS goody bag and certificate



YEAR 10 CONSTRUCTION

YEAR
10



Students in our Year 10 Construction class have almost completed their bird table – we can't wait to see the finished result!



GARDENING CLUB



Tuesdays

15.20 - 16.20

\$12

All Years

Outside the classroom, our hard working students in Gardening Club have continued planting 'More in '24' with the addition of two walnut trees by our Year 7 playground.



WINNERS FORTNIGHT 2



Happy Points

Individuals

Whole School:

Luke Mills – Year 7GCD (£10 Amazon Voucher)

Year Groups:

All to get chocolate bar

Year 8 – Ciaran Farrell 8KAH

Year 9 – Aleks Koziak 9LDC

Year 10 – Adam Wilson 10PEB

Year 11 – Lizzie Johnstone 11LMS

Sixth Form – Maria Silva 6PAH

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Tutor Groups

Whole School:

7NAA Biscuits and front of queue pass

Year Groups:

All to get biscuits

9 – 9SVJ

8 – 8KAH

10 – 10CRR

11- 11SAM

6 – 6MNW



Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

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

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?

Your PTFA needs YOU!

'How can I help?' I hear you cry.

Well ...

The 200 Club, which is basically a quarterly prize draw, is one of our biggest sources of fundraising to support your children at school – not only the 'extras' but also some vital equipment they need for their courses.

We really need a 200 Club coordinator. You will need access to a laptop or PC with internet access but no other equipment or skills. It's a very light touch job taking a couple of hours a month – keeping an eye that everybody's subscriptions are coming in, updating the spreadsheets, allocating numbers to new subscribers and (the best bit) telling the lucky winners that they have each won £200! Plus knowing that you are helping to make a huge difference to children at our school and supporting their education and social development.

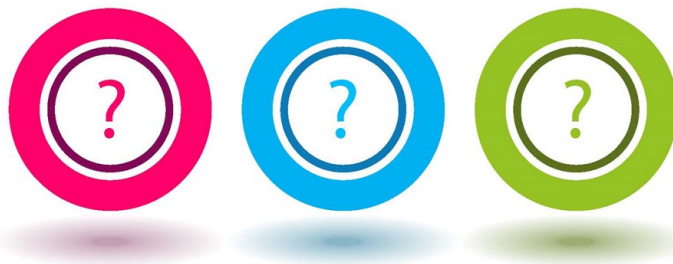
There is no obligation to attend meetings but if you want to, then that's great.

If you would like to know more about the role, please email ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net.

Can you help?

200 Club Co-ordinator required

Email: ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net



If you can't help out that way right now, please consider joining the 200 Club. For just £5 a month you can be in with the chance of winning £200 (tax-free!) at the quarterly draw. Please sign up here :

200 CLUB - MONTHLY DONATION



TEAM
TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

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Attend a Get Into Teaching event.



What?

Whether you're ready to start your career in teaching or just curious, we can answer your questions.

When?

29 February 2024, 5pm - 8pm.

Where?

The Great Hall, University of Reading.

Register now.

Limited places available.



Teaching



Elevate Education's Spring Term

Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

How to Help Your Child Improve Their Note Taking

23rd January 6:00pm

How You Can Make Technology an Ally

6th February 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams

5th March 6:00pm

How You Can Support Your Child During Exams

19th March 6:00pm

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>

Want to Get Active & Have Fun?



Come and Enjoy



Girls Cricket at

Boyne Hill CC

"ALL ABILITIES WELCOME"

No kit or equipment required.



**BAR & BBQ
FRIDAY NIGHTS**



**All Ages from
Under 5 (Reception)
up to U13 (Year 8)**



**Girls Training
Fridays**

U7-U9 6.15pm-7.30pm (Softball)

U10-U13 6.00pm-7.30pm (Softball & Hardball)

Saturdays

U5-U6 All Stars 10.30am-11.30am (Softball)

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GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

Educational Support -Online Session for Parents and Carers

Thursday 29th February 10am to 11am

Join our online session to:

Learn more about Educational support whether formal or informal (educational setting/tutoring) with an opportunity for a question and answer at the end

- Facilitated by Kate Fuller
- Qualified teacher
- School leader and autism advocate
- Current manager of the Tuition Service for Bracknell Forest Council

Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside
in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD
(suspected/pathway/diagnosed)



To book your place contact GEMS:



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