

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,



Schooling During Lockdown

This week students watched a video message from me explaining the importance of our community working together, how we keep each other safe and what happens should we have symptoms or a positive test. Many students have expressed appreciation for being directly informed of this information and I hope this resulted in some good conversations at home.

In response to messages this week, one Year 9 student observed that they and their friends are unsettled. They are asking why they are the ones sent to school when the rest of the country is in lockdown? It is a sentiment we are addressing in school, but I also wanted to share it with our wider community so you can address such concerns with our young people.

Remembrance

On Wednesday the school fell silent at 11am to remember those who lost their lives in the service of their country. I would like to thank our community for the respect they showed.

Online Parent Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers for their feedback on the online parent evenings we have held so far. Some parents and carers have loved the experience so much they have asked to continue this after Covid restrictions are lifted. Online parent evenings will continue for the foreseeable future and should give many more parents and carers the chance to experience them. Please do fill in the evaluations

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UPCOMING EVENTS

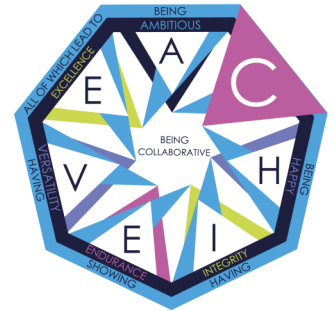
[ALL EVENTS](#)
[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

Some of our upcoming events may change due to the current situation (eg virtual or adjusted events). Full details will be sent out nearer the time of the specific event.

NEXT WEEK (WEEK 1)

TERM TWO

THURS 26 NOVEMBER	Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening Information will be uploaded to our website	
MON 30 NOVEMBER	Year 10 Progress Reports Published	All Day
TUES 1 DECEMBER	Year 12 Progress Reports Published	All Day
MON 7 DECEMBER	INSET DAY	All Day
THURS 10 DECEMBER	Year 12 Parents' and Students' Consultation Information will be uploaded to our website	
FRI 11 DECEMBER	Years 9, 11 & 13 Progress Reports Published	All Day
WEDS 16 DECEMBER	Years 7 & 8 Progress Reports Published	All Day
FRI 18 DECEMBER	End of term	



sent after the event so we can identify whether this is a change you would like to be made permanent.

Good Luck Year 11

Finally, good luck to all our Year 11 students in their PPEs next week. I hope that they get all the results their efforts deserve.

Take care and keep safe.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS



We are moving to ParentMail for online payments and communications!

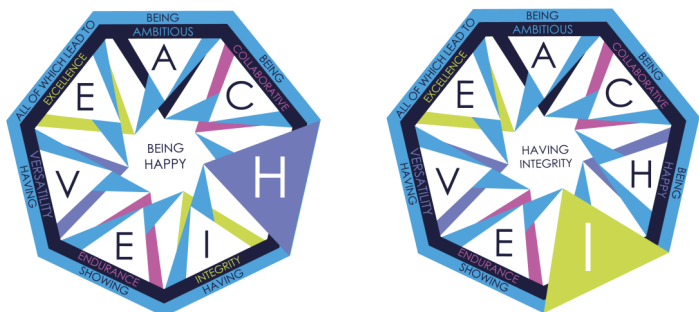
From Tuesday 1st December we will be using +Pay on ParentMail, instead of WisePay, for online payments (including lunch money) and communications.

ParentMail is used by thousands of schools across the country, has great functionality and is simple to use.

You'll be able to login to ParentMail on your computer, tablet or smartphone. If you have an Android or Apple smartphone, you can download the free ParentMail App so that you can make easy, online payments on the go. More details to follow.

All remaining monies on your child's WisePay account will be transferred over to ParentMail on December 1st.

Next week we will be emailing or texting you with a link to register with ParentMail. Registration is quick and simple and we'll need all parents to register by the end of November to ensure you can top up lunch money and make payments online by 1st December.



INSET DAY

Monday 7th December

Please note there is an INSET Day on Monday 7th December.

SIXTH FORM VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

Open for applications from Friday 27th November

Full details will be uploaded to our website by Thursday 26th November.

Please click here for a welcome message from Mr Ging, Head of Sixth Form:

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SIXTH FORM



VIRTUAL
SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING

Thursday 26th November

COLLECTION OF YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 ART GCSE AND GCE COURSEWORK 2020

Due to the present nationwide 'lockdown', there are restrictions at school set up to minimise third parties coming on to the school site. Regrettably, it is therefore not possible for students and parents to collect Year 11 and Year 13 GCSE and GCE Art coursework. The date set by the government for a return to 'normal' activity is 2nd December. I will confirm the new collection procedure for coursework just after this date. Thank you for your patience

Mr B Goswell - Head of Art and Design

NAMING KIT AND BELONGINGS



Please can we ask you to ensure ALL items your child brings to school are named.

If items are named the chances of them being reunited with their owner are far greater.

If your child has lost any items, please ask them to visit Lost Property; can you also ask them to check that they bring home their own PE kits and do not inadvertently pick up anything that is not theirs.

By purchasing name labels you can also raise money for our school using the code here and choose 'Furze Platt Senior School PTFA SL6' at the checkout (more details in our PTFA section near the end of this newsletter):

[HTTPS://WWW.EASY2NAME.COM/](https://www.easy2name.com/)

Thank you.



MANAGING COVID SAFELY – ENGLISH AND MEDIA



Within these sessions our main aims were to inform and empower our students with the knowledge to understand the school measures for COVID 19 and to act safely in and outside of school, whilst also giving students a creative and reflective outlet during these challenging times – a safe space to discuss and think about how they are feeling.

We have a different focus each week and will include these in the upcoming newsletters.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

- LEST WE FORGET -

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



Furze Platt alumna Hannah Trueman (18) was chosen to lay the wreath on behalf of 1st Maidenhead Sea Scouts on Remembrance Sunday.





OUR THEATRE CAMPAIGN

Please click below to see an article in FundEd magazine detailing fundraising efforts for our new Theatre. Thank you so much to everyone who donated, we couldn't have done it without your generosity!



FUNDED MAGAZINE ARTICLE



CRIMINOLOGY YEAR 13



With additional safety precautions we were still able to run our workshops for Criminology Year 13 students to help them understand Unit 3 of the course, i.e. Processing Forensic Evidence. Students had a chance to see some forensic equipment used while collecting and analysing the evidence. We analysed fibres and hair samples, and used various methods of identifying blood on a prop shirt. Well done to Suhayb, who volunteered to be dressed as a Scene of Crime Officer. Next week, we will continue our forensic unit looking at fingerprints, which will be another opportunity for students to do some practical work in a safe



manner. A big thank you to the Science Department for allowing us to use their classroom and equipment.



Pictured Suhayb Reghif while doing his research.
Miss R Paradowska, Head of Criminology and Psychology

REMINDERS:

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

For more details please click on the link below:

[HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS](#)





Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Contact us

Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net | Facebook: [facebook.com/fpsptfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa)
Charity Number 287878

APPEAL - looking for ONLINE participants...

As you are aware Charities are missing out on vital funds due to the current climate and our school is no different. Fortunately, we are not asking you to 'man' a Fair Stall, sell raffle tickets or refreshments (hooray I hear you say!) but we are pleading with you to help us immediately, online, by joining the 200 Club AND registering with our partners below to earn donations. These are the only fundraising opportunities available to us at the moment.

Currently the PTFA have a number of funding requests from school departments that are unable to be fulfilled right now, because we do not have the immense participation we could achieve. The school budget is being stretched every month and without any significant income forthcoming, it means more requests could be refused. To put things into perspective, our school contains approx.1400 students yet only 103 families contribute to the PTFA or to school directly, to raise funds. There is a clear benefit to our children having functioning, up-to-date equipment to enable effective learning and to perform class tasks, assessments and exams successfully. We all want our children to do well, so why not give them every chance?

Please allow us to earn donations online and fundraise with your fingertips, by choosing Furze Platt Senior School PTFA via:

200 CLUB: ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

200 CLUB: MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

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What's coming up?

A virtual online Family Quiz, a 200 Club Draw, Amazon Wishlists and PTFA meetings are in the pipeline before

Christmas, although please get in touch with your ideas and thoughts by email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net or message us through [facebook.com/fpsptfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa)



Gotta be in it to win it! Draw being made soon so join The 200 Club today

This Club is the easiest way to fundraise for the PTFA. The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash per number. Your winnings are made by bank transfer very soon after each draw so there's no hanging around. The PTFA and school could earn £6000+ per year if everyone joined paying £5 per month. You're in control of the payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your energy or phone!) and there's no spam emails either (we haven't got time to send them!). So it's a Win Win situation and we sorely need to you click through here now to join:

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Anyone shop online? Then you could Donate for FREE wherever you shop.....

Given there are hundreds of 'deal days', social distancing requirements and Christmas is fast approaching, please, please, please, register Furze Platt Senior School PTFA as your Charitable Organisation with [Smile.Amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and [Easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

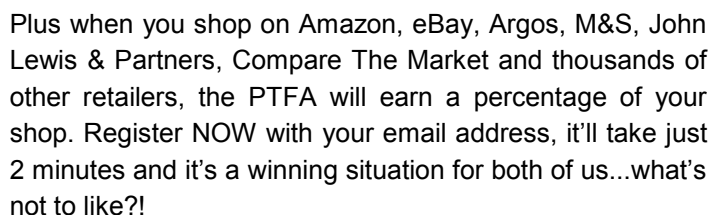
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Here's the link to our latest string-to-our-bow -

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When first visiting smile.amazon.co.uk, please select our organisation, **Furze Platt Senior School PTFA**. Amazon will give us 0.5% of your net purchase price (excluding VAT and other shipping fees) of eligible AmazonSmile purchases.



Secondhand Uniform for Sale – who needs spares or replacements?



or message through [facebook.com/fpssptfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa)

The image displays three different methods for labeling clothing items:

- Clothing stickers:** A blue shirt with a white label that reads "James Watkins 01630 299306".
- EasyStamp:** A yellow shirt with a white label that reads "Evie Doyle" and "Jasmine Simpson".
- Clip on tags:** A stack of folded blue shirts with a white label that reads "Charlie Gray".

We know there's a Lost Property Mountain building. During the difficult circumstances, the only clean, safe and secure way of retrieving your property is by naming EVERYTHING! Therefore, if you're buying labels (not just clothing ones) would greatly appreciate your purchase from Easy2name because the PTFA will earn commission. Just choose 'Furze Platt Senior School PTFA SL6' at the checkout – there's no special code to remember either!

Can you help us access fundraising from
your employer with
MATCH FUNDING
schemes?



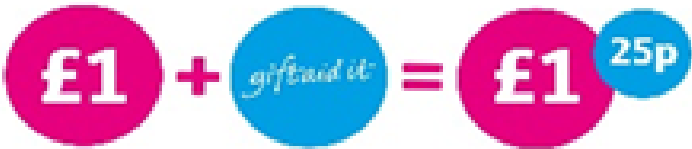
Do you recognise your employer? If so, please make enquiries regarding their charitable scheme. We were awarded £14,000 last year from various companies. Our registered charity, Furze Platt Senior School PTFA and number 287878 will be required, plus some other details so please contact us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net or message us through facebook.com/fpssptfa

Should you or anyone you know wish to make a donation without joining The 200 Club or purchasing lots of Secondhand Uniform or labels, then we would be delighted

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If you have any news items you wish to feature in our newsletter please email: media@furzeplatt.net

and enormously grateful to receive your electronic payments. There is no contract or regular debit unless you specify otherwise. For our bank details please email us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net or message us through [facebook.com/fpsptfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa)



Gift Aid – as if by magic, every £1 becomes £1.25!

We are a Registered Charity, number 287878, and entitled to reclaim thousands of pounds from the HMRC, so please always tick ‘Yes’ when asked.

An NHS poster featuring a couple sitting on a sofa, seen from behind. The NHS logo and 'HM Government' are in the top left. Text on the poster includes: 'GOT SYMPTOMS? SELF-ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS' and 'LIVE WITH SOMEONE WITH SYMPTOMS? SELF-ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS'.

An advertisement for COPAS turkeys. At the top, it says 'BERKSHIRE ESTD 1957 ENGLAND' and 'COPAS VERY VERY SPECIAL TURKEYS'. Below this, it says 'Up to £10 donated to the PTA for every turkey ordered'. The image shows two turkeys in a field. A text box says 'Simply select our school when you order!'. On the right, a badge says 'BRITISH POULTRY AWARDS 2019 WINNER'. At the bottom, it lists 'SLOWLY GROWN', 'TRADITIONALLY PRODUCED', and 'A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS', followed by the website 'COPASTURKEYS.CO.UK'.

WWW.COPASTURKEYS.CO.UK

A public health poster with a blue background. It features stylized yellow figures of a man and a woman, both wearing face masks. There are also yellow virus-like icons. The text 'BE A HERO' is on the left and 'WEAR A MASK!' is on the right.

Parent Support Adviser – To start asap

Part time, 32.5 Hours a week, start time 8.30am, finish time 3.30pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only. Actual salary £17,700 - £19,100 pa depending on experience

We are looking for someone with experience of working with children, young people and their families to work with the students, parents and carers at Furze Platt Senior School, providing early intervention, support and guidance to improve outcomes for students.

Working under the guidance of our Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral), you would be an important point of contact with families identified as in need of support. You will establish and foster good relationships with students' parents and carers offering them advice and guidance to reinforce their self-esteem, thus helping them to support student achievements. The role will involve working with a range of external agencies, including health professionals and Children's Centres as well as signposting parents and carers to agencies and charities who can provide help. You would receive any necessary training to enable you to deliver Triple P (positive parenting) seminars, individual and group training for parents and carers and 1-1 and group ELSA (emotional literacy support) sessions with students. The role will require you to work with our well established and experienced pastoral support team to support students to interact and engage with activities and promote self-esteem and independence.

We are looking for someone who is able to work purposely and collaboratively with families, staff, agencies and charities to improve positive outcomes for disadvantaged students and their families. If you have good organisational and time management skills and are willing to work both as part of a team and independently this is an exciting opportunity to work at our school and benefit many of our students and their families.

For further information about this role and in order to complete a **Support Staff application form** please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com. Application forms should be returned to Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Closing date: Monday 16th November at 9am
Interviews will take place week commencing: Monday 16th November

TEACH MAIDENHEAD



Interested in training to teach?



are now recruiting for September 2021 in many subjects.

If you are passionate about working with young people and enriching their lives, then why not consider a career in teaching?

Imagine how you could develop their knowledge of the fascinating worlds of science, arts, technology, languages or humanities when you become an inspiring teacher.

Information on the courses available can be found at: www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk

[Find further advice for prospective applicants on the Get into Teaching website.](#)

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APPLYING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL ENTRY?

Applying for a school place for September 2021 Entry

Do you have a child with
a date of birth between:

**1st September 2016
and 31st August 2017?**

**If so, you should
apply for a full-time
school place from
11 November 2020**

The closing date for on-
time applications is
15th January 2021



For any further guidance please call
Customer Contact Centre on
01628 683870
or email school admissions
school.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk



**RBWM residents should
visit www.rbwm.gov.uk
for information on how to
make an application.**

**Please ensure you read
the online guide for
Admission into Primary
School September 2021
BEFORE completing your
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