

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

End of Term Newsletter - Issue #63



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents / Carers

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Normally in the last newsletter of the term I reflect back on the highlights of the term; the various events, activities, concerts, trips and much more that have lit up our community. Covid-19 has meant that these traditional highlights have not occurred as we have experienced lockdowns, partial re-openings, isolations and a mix of education in school and at home.



Instead the highlight has been a very simple one; our school, students and community returning to a form of normality after such a long time away. To see students learning, socialising, smiling and laughing has been a highlight that normally we may have taken for granted.

While I know that it has been a difficult period for many students, staff, parents and carers, I would like to thank you for your positivity and support for FPSS. Throughout the last few months we have received a lot of absolutely wonderful messages in support of our staff and school. I have been able to (anonymously) share many with our staff and they have helped boost morale. Moreover, they have been tremendously heartening as we have adapted to new ways to educate and support our young people.

I would like to wish you, your families and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. After the trials of 2020, I hope that you all get time to enjoy the festive season and some time with your loved ones.

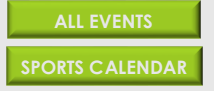
I look forward to welcoming students back to FPSS in 2021.

Departing Colleagues

As ever at the end of term we are sadly saying goodbye to some colleagues. I am sure that you will join with me in



UPCOMING EVENTS



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.

TERM 3 EVENTS

MON 21 - FRI 1 DECEMBER - JANUARY	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
MON 4 JANUARY	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
TUE 5 JANUARY	START OF TERM 3 (WEEK 2)	Please look out for details
MON 11 - FRI 22 JANUARY	Year 9 GCSE Lesson Taster Fortnight	
FRI 29 JANUARY	Years 11 & 12 Progress Reports	
TUE 2 FEBRUARY	Year 9 Progress Reports	
THU 4 FEBRUARY	Year 9F Parents' and Students' Virtual Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
THU 11 FEBRUARY	Year 10 Parents' and Students' Virtual Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 12 FEBRUARY	Year 9 Virtual GCSE Options	
MON 15 - FRI 19 FEBRUARY	END OF TERM (TERM 3)	
MON 15 - FRI 19 FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS	
MON 24 FEBRUARY	START OF TERM 4 (Week 2)	

wishing Flavia Hodel, Chris Harding and Jo Lubbers every success as they move on to new opportunities elsewhere.

Take care and keep safe.

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





Playdates during the Christmas holidays

Remember - don't let your children visit their friend's house to play – or vice versa – during the school holidays. Class bubbles don't apply out of school. Children can only mix with their own households, in line with the local tier restrictions, and those under the national Christmas bubble announced by central Government. Don't give COVID-19 this Christmas.



FURZE PLATT STAFF AWARDS



Further on in this newsletter you can see the many subject and House nominations for our students, which take place three times a year – before Christmas, Easter and the Summer holidays. Nominated students should feel deservedly proud of their achievements which you can find from page 9 onwards.

This term, we also gave students the chance to nominate teachers - below you can see just one comment per teacher to give you an idea of the delightful emails that were sent in, unfortunately we do not have room to print them all! Our winners...

YEARS 7, 8 AND 11 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 to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Please see here for our Guidance to Grading document:

[GUIDANCE TO GRADING](#)

[VIEW REPORTS](#)

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager



Mr J Beavis (English)

"Sir always puts a smile on my face as I enter and leave the classroom, he helps everyone in the class to excel in their learning and behaviour. His great attitude towards teaching motivates us to work our hardest, helping everyone to understand the topic we are learning about in English."

Miss R Paradowska (Psychology, Criminology and Child Development)

"Miss has been excellent since i have joined this school. She has been very supportive and teaches in a fun manner. The way she teaches keeps all of her students involved, keeping the mood lighthearted. I learn extremely well with her help, and truly think she is one of the most enthusiastic teachers I've ever had. She has made the transition of moving to a new school feel a lot less daunting and I'm very thankful for that."

Miss R Stillman (SENCO)

"Because she is very nice and she is nice to everyone and helps everyone no matter what."

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**Miss C Denny
(English)**

"I am voting Miss because she is the best English teacher, she is very kind, she is there if we need to talk to her and she always has a smile on her face."

**Miss A Towell
(Maths)**

"I am nominating Miss because she is the best Maths teacher I have ever had, and she always supports me and makes sure everyone is okay and knows what they are doing. She also made me like maths more - and personally I hate maths!"

**Miss N Clapperton
(Music)**

"She is very fun, a very good teacher- e.g. she pushes us to our best abilities but doesn't push us too much that we feel uncomfortable. She is a very happy, cheerful person and a very fun teacher!"

**Miss L Sharp
(English)**

"She is always happy, kind and helpful; and was the first to implement dual teaching to allow those at home to catch up and work alongside the rest of the class. I've only been in her class a couple of months, and I already love the way she has made a dynamic environment to allow everyone to flourish the way they need to. As well as that; Miss is one of the MOST hardworking teachers I have encountered in my school career so far, and I honestly wonder how she can do it all and still be so happy."

We are very proud of our team here at Furze Platt and these comments are testament to the hard work they, and all our staff, put in each day. Thank you to all students who took the time and trouble to write nominations – we read them all (and there were over 500)!

LANGUAGE LEADERS



Congratulations to the students below who have been appointed Furze Platt's first Language Leaders:

Year 7

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|------------------|------------------------|
| Leo Starkey | Zoe Green |
| Elyza Tirmizi | Megan Dewbury |
| Rocco Riley | Pol Martinez Rodriguez |
| Aaran Hitschmann | Elena Balfe |
| | Thomos Weeks Hall |

Year 8

- Chloe Wright
- Lizzie Johnstone
- Abigail Leech-Baldwin

Year 9

- Luka Wilson
- Caitlin Bennett
- Sasan Mahanama
- Raahi Singh
- Fatima Habbouli Machuca

Year 10

- Liam Fitzgibbon

Year 11

- Kiki Quibell
- Gracie Harper
- Samia Alami-Chaouni

LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

FRENCH

Linguists of the Fortnight

Year 7: Beren Celik, Andre de Freitas, Darcy Williams, Adriano Cilia, Megan Dewbury, Aaran Hitschmann

Year 8: Lizzie Johnstone, Divhyadharshini Vishnukumar, Amy Barker, William Couling, Raihan Bashir, Gabriela Kedziora, Edward Foxton, Daniel Gibbon, Eliza McLaughlin, Alfie Hawkins, Olive Owen, Holly Canon, Sam Cranch

Year 10: Ed Lemon

Year 11: Isabelle Annereau, Matilda Annereau, James Steed, Samia Alami-Chaouni, Maya Ciesielska, Thomas Clark, Anya Clayton, Josh Dilley, Dylan Gardner, Esha Grover, Sacha Handford, Oliver James, Maddison Menelaus, Amelie Owen, Alessio Reina, Ben Spinks, Ian Tobosei, Ben Wilson

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GERMAN

Linguists of the Fortnight

Year 7: Illango Fekete, Durusah Gulmez, Siraaj Akhtar, Mohammed-lessar Akhtar, Robert Hern, Mazin Kafori

Year 8: Elena del Campo, Henna Hussain, Sufian Hussain, Matej Sutton, Pacey Thandi, Gabriela Kedziora, Phoebe Matthews, Bethan Coulter

Year 9: Leonard Cory, Eleanor Foster, Fatima Habbouli, Rosie Lewis, Raahi Singh, Connor Wilcock

Year 10: Jessica Bristow, Finnley Tanner, Esha Rehal, Balraj Kaur, Mia Lawrence, Harvey-Leo Bond

Year 12: Tom Lonsdale, Henry Edwards



SPANISH

Linguists of the Fortnight

Year 7: Kasey Bond, Amelie Cooper, Ava Hone-Smith, Jack Garrett, Hannah Emmett

Year 8: Alex Callaby

Year 9: Reece Ovens, Keshav Sathishbabu, Talia Groszmann, Ryan Hughes

Year 10: Ben Broadbent, Polly Wallis, Ella Stevenson, Daisy Rippon

Year 11: Muneeb Azam, Ed Gumuliauskas, Jacob Long, Dawid Orzel, Harry Webb, Hamza Ali, Leo Boyes, Melissa Hing, Kensa Horner, Lucy Tull, Zak Wardle

Year 12: Liberty Webb, Amy Spinks, Ainara Sanchez

Year 13: Jacob Tanner, Natalie Finnigan, Maria Santos



NEW* YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 LATIN CLUBS

The English department will soon be establishing some Latin clubs, one for Year 7 and one for Year 8. At this stage we would welcome any initial expressions of interest to gauge the potential level of participation.

If this sounds like something that might be of interest to your child, please contact Mr Clarke at joshua.clarke@furzeplatt.net

More comprehensive information will be published to parents and carers in the New Year.



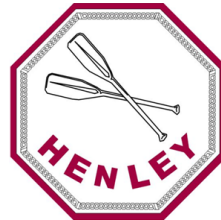
Finn Treacy Year 11

2nd and 3rd = Hayden Paul and Ben Plowright (both Year 11)



Mariana Gouveia Year 11

2nd and 3rd Ben Nisbet and Jangra Krish (both Year 10)



Lara Torok Year 11

2nd and 3rd = Mabila Kalam and Isabelle Cowell (both Year 10)



Afonso Maverick (Year 10)

2nd and 3rd = Faiz Ahmed and Zara Atkin (both Year 11)



Ian Tobosei (Year 11)

2nd and 3rd = Ed Gumuliauskas (Year 11) and Jade Winsor (Year 10).

TOP GCSEPOD USERS

Well done to all our highest GSCEPod users, students with the highest number of uses are listed below – each first place House winner will receive an Amazon voucher.



Danny Lawrence Year 10

2nd and 3rd = Lilia Bowsher & Dawid Orzel (both Year 11)



Liam Fitzgibbon Year 10

2nd and 3rd = Dario Branco and Jacob Gould (both Year 11)



Kensa Horner Year 11

2nd and 3rd = Adeigh Webb (Year 10) and James Steed (Year 11)

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD COLLECTION

The English Department are proud to reveal the truly touching Christmas Crossword Collection as a way of spreading some much needed festive joy. Each year group was given a different vocabulary focus: Years 7 and 8 - Christmas, Year 9 – Positivity and Year 10 – Holidays Around the World. This has been designed as a free e-gift to be shared with parents/carers, students, staff – and a range of retirement homes across Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. Please do send it on to all those who we might not be able to celebrate Christmas with this year.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas from the English Department.



VIRTUAL BAKING CLUB
Remote Festive Baking
Fork Biscuits and Rudolf Round

Featuring Elena Balfe and Anna O'Mahony (Year 7)



WATCH THE BAKE VIDEO HERE!

Normally at this time of year, we would be running a Christmas baking club. However, this year - with the help of two talented Year 7 students - we have made a video to show you how to make Fork Biscuits or a Rudolf Round. Why not give it a go? Get your ingredients ready, use the recipe and watch the video to show you what to do and get cooking! Take a photo and send it to sarah.crisford@furzeplatt.net

It is the most delightful video, running to just over seven minutes, and will certainly get you in the mood for some Christmas cookery!

In addition to our wonderful student stars of the show, thank you to Mrs Crisford (Head of Food and Nutrition) and Miss Chetwood (Design and Marketing Officer) who created, filmed and edited the video.

RECIPE for FORK BISCUITS or a RUDOLF ROUND

Ingredients for the biscuit dough
(Makes 16 fork biscuits or a Rudolf round)

150g Self-Raising Flour
 100g Butter
 50g Caster Sugar



To decorate the Rudolf round:

1 tablespoon icing sugar.
 1 teaspoon water
 Pretzels
 Smarties or something for the Rudolf nose

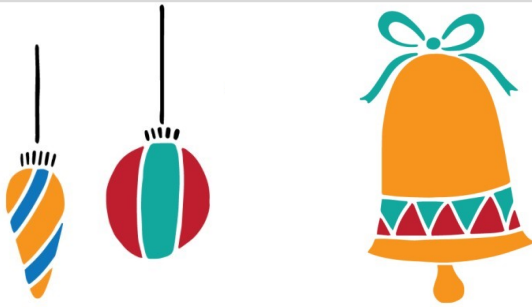
Equipment

Two baking trays, weighing scales, mixing bowl, wooden spoon, fork.

Method

- Preheat your oven to Fan 160c or Gas 4.
- Line your baking trays with greaseproof paper.
- Place your butter into a large mixing bowl.
- Using your wooden spoon, beat until soft and pale in colour.
- Gradually beat your sugar into your butter, then add in your flour a spoon at a time.
- Press the mixture against the edge of the bowl to combine, and finally use your hands to combine into a ball of biscuit dough.
- For the fork biscuits:
- Divide the mixture in half, and roll into two long sausages about 3cm in diameter.
- Cut each one into 8 pieces.
- Roll each piece into a ball, and place onto the greaseproof paper on the baking tray. Using a fork flatten the biscuits.
- Using oven gloves place in preheated oven for 10-15 minutes until golden.
- Remove from oven using oven gloves and place the tray on cooling rack.
- For the Rudolf round:
- Use a rolling pin to roll your dough into a disc, about 1.5 cm in height.
- Place onto the baking tray.
- Gently, using a knife score the round (you only want to cut 2/3mm deep) to give 8 even sized pieces.
- Place in the oven for 18 – 20 minutes or until just golden brown.
- Place on a cooling rack and leave to cool before decorating.
- Use a serrated knife cut the round on the score lines.
- To decorate:
- Make the icing by mixing 1 tablespoon of icing sugar, mixed with a teaspoon of water.
- Use the icing to stick on the pretzel antlers, eyes and Rudolf's red nose.





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YEAR 7 EATWELL PLATES

Continuing the theme of food for this term, our Year 7 students have been exploring the Eatwell Guide and have produced some fantastic Eatwell Plates, showing how to eat a healthy balanced diet. Special recognition goes to Zuzanna Pianko and Durusah Gulmez for going the extra mile and producing 3D plates!



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YEAR 11 REVISION AND LEARNING RESOURCES

The Raising Achievement Department have created a Google Classroom just for Year 11 students and they have been sent the link with an invitation to join. Students can find access to every GCSE subject (differentiated between foundation and higher where applicable) providing work and revision resources for each subject. It also has a section dedicated to Revision Skills, including:-

- How to create a revision timetable video
- Slides from preparing to success evening (delivered in September this year)
- Guide to Revision booklet for Year 11
- How to revise video - walk and talk session on how to produce revision notes

We have put this together to help Year 11 students prepare for next year's exams so that they can dip in and out when they choose and have access to everything in one place.

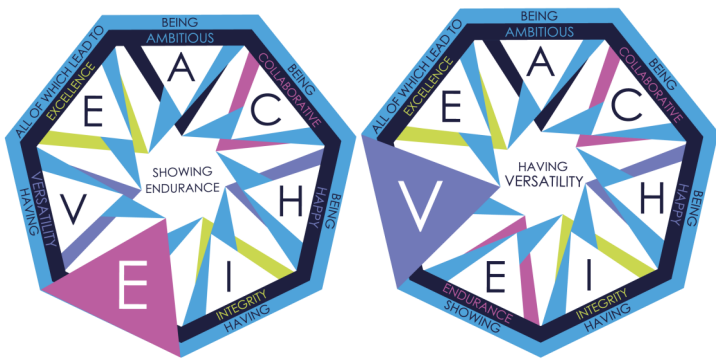
It can also complement the learning of students having to isolate, work is now always available for them to use for revision/catch up purposes.

We hope students find this useful – please note we will be adding resources on a regular basis.

YEAR 11 REVISION & LEARNING RESOURCES

If you have any questions, please contact me: Debbie.Feather@furzeplatt.net

Mrs D Feather, Raising Achievement Manager



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Information has been sent out for the Bronze (Year 9) and Silver (Year 10) Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. If you are interested in enrolling your child for either Award, please pay the deposit of £60 and complete the consent form via your ParentMail account.

You can find more details on our website here:

[DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS WEBPAGE](https://www.furzeplatt.net/dofe)

NEWS FROM WINDSOR HOUSE



Mrs Ridgley is now back from maternity leave and has resumed her position as Head of House for Windsor House. Thank you to Miss Satterthwaite for covering in her absence. If you have any queries please email: charlotte.ridgley@furzeplatt.net

Details for our other Heads of House and Heads of Department can be found here:

OUR HEADS OF HOUSE



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING



Now online and available for applications. New videos for Product Design and Textiles now added!

YEAR 10 CONSTRUCTION 'MAKING A TIMBER PRODUCT'

Our Year 10 Construction class have almost completed their first unit, 'Making a Timber Product'. This week they tiled the tops of their tables ready to take home.

Pictured - Owen Hayward, Ashlyn Fray and Callum King



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**YEAR 11 CONSTRUCTION
'DEVELOPING CARPENTRY SKILLS'**

Well done to James Scott in our Year 11 Construction class. He has just finished his bird table for his 'Developing Carpentry Skills' unit.



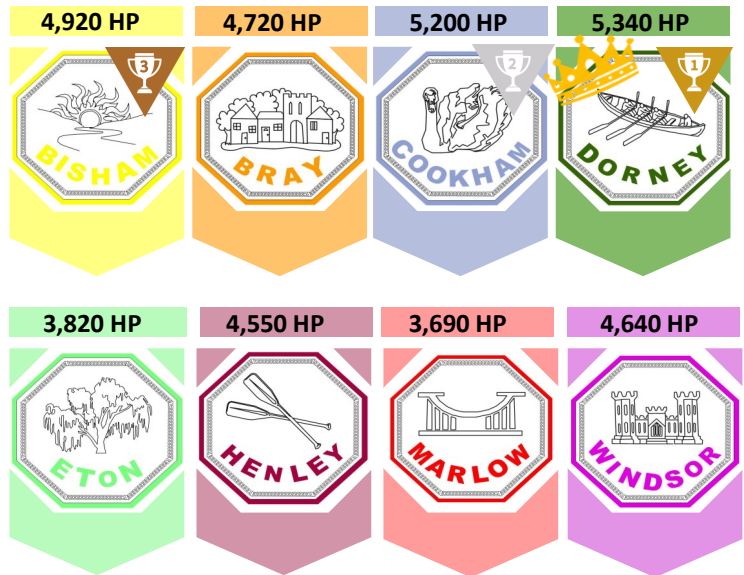
MAIDENHEAD CONCERT BAND

Thank you so much to Peter Ripper and all the musicians at Maidenhead Concert Band (which includes our very own Chair of Governors, Gavin Tisshaw) for this wonderful piece of music which you can watch below: We look forward to welcoming the band back for their rehearsals as soon as the current situation allows.



SLEIGH RIDE – MAIDENHEAD CONCERT BAND

DORNEY HOUSE ARE OUR END OF TERM WINNERS



A special mention to all of the students nominated below by their respective Heads of Houses. These students have been put forward for their positive attitudes and helpful behaviour, and contribute to a wide range of school activities.



Megan Dewbury:- Megan has made a real impression in her first term here at FPSS. She is mature, conscientious and has a clear desire to succeed. Megan also shows this enthusiasm for events and activities outside of the classroom and has been keen to get involved where she can. She is a valued member of Bisham House and is a brilliant role model for her peers. I am very excited to see what Megan can achieve as she continues on her journey at school.

Pablo Cruz-Domezain:- Pablo has had a fantastic start to his time at Furze Platt. He is often at the top of the student league tables showing exemplary behaviour both inside and outside of lessons. He is a popular student who is a brilliant role-model for his peers. Pablo's teachers have been very impressed with his hard-work ethic and conscientious nature. Bisham House is very lucky to have such an excellent student representing the House.

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BRAY HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Bianca Popa:- Bianca has already shown herself to be an exemplary student in the short time she has been with us. With an outstanding approach to learning, her kind, friendly nature and a smile permanently fixed to her face, it is no surprise that she has made such a fantastic impression with both staff and peers alike. It is a pleasure to have Bianca as a member of Bray House and I have no doubt she is going to continue to impress! Well done Bianca!

Jayden Taylor:- It is a pleasure to be Jayden's Head of House. He is a hardworking, polite and mature young man who consistently puts maximum effort into everything he does. His positivity and excellent sense of humour are contagious; Jayden can always be relied upon to put a smile on your face. I can't wait to see what the next two years have in store for him - keep up the great work Jayden!



DORNEY HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Rosa Howley:- Since joining us Rosa has thrown herself into all aspects of life here at Furze Platt with enthusiasm and maturity. She has embraced every area of school, regularly going above and beyond in her lessons. Her enthusiasm is infectious and her class all benefit from her energy and contributions.

Jacob Hopson:- Jacob continues to grow into a mature and confident young man, working hard in all lessons to push himself to be the best he can be. Having Jacob in class is like having another member of staff and he can always be trusted to help those around him to achieve their best. Thank you Jacob.



ETON HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Darcy Williams:- Darcy has made a fantastic start to her time at Furze Platt. She has shown herself to be a model student who is hard working and kind. Darcy's excellent attitude to learning has made a brilliant impression on her teachers. As a result, Darcy has accumulated an impressive number of positive behaviour points. Well done Darcy!

Miguel Hope:- Miguel is a kind, polite and hard-working student who has made a fantastic start to his time at Furze Platt. Miguel currently holds the most positive points earned this term in Eton House. This is testament to his excellent work ethic and attitude to learning. Great work Miguel!



COOKHAM HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Piper Webb:- Piper is a student to watch! She has already made an outstanding start to her time here at Furze Platt, presenting herself as a bubbly, friendly and engaging young lady who tries hard in every subject. She currently holds the largest number of positive points in Year 7 so far this term which is a reflection of her exemplary attitude towards her learning. Congratulations Piper and long may this continue!

Fabien Mormech:- What a pleasure it is to have Fabien as a member of Cookham House. He is a kind and polite young man who is admired by both his friends and teachers. He works hard at everything he turns his hand to and this is evidenced in his fantastic attitude to the learning scores he has achieved so far this term. I am sure great things lie in store for Fabien and look forward to seeing where his positive outlook takes him. Well done Fabien!



HENLEY HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Evie Rowe:- In a difficult and challenging year, Evie has made quite the first impression. Her behaviour record is one of the best in the school, however, this doesn't do her justice. She has been mentioned by her teachers a number of times for the good work she does, and has also been particularly amazing at breaktimes helping out her friends when needed. Keep up the good work, Evie!

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HENLEY HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Zachary Abraham:- Zach has made quite the first impression at Furze Platt. He has settled in well at Henley House, despite the temporary lack of form times. He has been instrumental in helping new students settle in to school, often being asked by his Head of House to show them around. His behaviour record is exemplary and he has been recognised numerous times for his excellence in class. Well done, Zachary!



WINDSOR HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Ben Peck:- Ben has made an impressive start to FPSS, consistently working hard to make positive contributions. It is no wonder staff are praising all of these efforts as he is a top points collector for Windsor House. Whenever I see Ben he is always polite and respectful, well done and keep it up Ben!



MARLOW HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Anya Clayton:- Anya has been a consistently excellent student throughout her time at Furze Platt. She has an outstanding attitude towards her learning and is making fantastic progress at school. She is kind and considerate to her friends and has a great sense of humour. Anya offers a huge amount to the wider Furze Platt community. She continues to be an integral part of Marlow House and is a real asset to the House and School.

Alessio Reina:- Alessio is an excellent student and works incredibly hard. He can be a quiet student but talks animatedly about his areas of passion which includes his studies of the sciences. Alessio is continuously recognised by his teachers via his daily collection of ACHIEVE points and can always be relied upon by his teachers and peers. Alessio offers a huge amount to the school and deserves to be recognised this term for his continued hard work and positive outlook.



WINDSOR HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Sophia Louw:- Sophia is a delightful young lady who has made an excellent impression on everyone she meets at FPSS. She is polite, friendly and always tries her best in whatever she does. She has embraced the school values since starting with us - particularly being Happy - by always having a cheerful smile on her face as she greets those around her. Keep this up Sophia!

END OF TERM SUBJECT NOMINATIONS

Art & Design Nominations

- Year 7: Angelina Shipman & William Hancock
- Year 8: Sara Rendon & Lucas Escott
- Year 9: Fatima Habbouli & Joshua Lawrence
- Year 10: Jessica Walker & Jose Sanchez-Giron
- Year 11: Maja Mikolajczyk & Jack Staunton
- Year 12: Jack Lido-Ferrando
- Year 13: Katerina Despiniadis

Photography Nominations

- Year 12: Daisy Harris
- Year 13: Chloe Leaver

Drama Nominations

- Year 7: Brooklynn Plested & Ethan Petersen
- Year 8: Weronika Sciegosz & Jacob Hopson
- Year 9: Anna Vasilopoulou & Jack Britton
- Year 10: Phoebe Langley & Finlay Palmer
- Year 11: Lara Torok & Felix Earl
- Year 12: Alexander Wilson
- Year 13: Esmee Allan

Dance Nominations

- Year 10: Lily Hatch

Physical Education Nominations

- Year 7: Gracie Stewart & Kurtis Wood
- Year 8: Sophie McLachlan & Jimi Cox
- Year 9: Laura Harrit & Leonard Cory
- Year 10: Jemima Bohdjalian & Edward Lemon
- Year 11: Maja Nawrocka & Charlie Sinnott
- Year 12: Eliza Craker
- Year 13: Adam Thomas

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Sports Studies Nominations



Year 12: Eleanor Bunce
Year 13: Holly Bird

Product Design Nominations



Year 12: Harry Healey
Year 13: Luke Kersey

History and Government & Politics Nominations



Year 7: Zoe Green & Mitchell Holmes
Year 8: Henna Hussain & Maximillian Wibberley
Year 9: Heidi Grant & Nathan Macey
Year 10: Daisy Rippon & Jamie Motion
Year 11: Alexia Popa & Patrick Kelly
Year 12: Hugh Rickard
Year 13: Cameron Hing

ICT Nominations



Year 10: Lauren Rangel & Oscar Smith
Year 11: Aleesha Branch & Zain U Khan
Year 12: Arina Fekete
Year 13: Alex Ash

Geography Nominations



Year 7: Sumayyah Ahmed & Noah Thomas
Year 8: Charley Cox & Luc Colyer
Year 9: Eloise Downes & Mateusz Orzel
Year 10: Sathya Sathananthalingam & George Stratford
Year 11: Ellie Gavin & Damir Bajohr
Year 12: Edward Hunt
Year 13: Evie Bardwell

Computing Nominations



Year 7: Megan Dewbury & Dilraj Roprai
Year 8: Olive Owen & Adrian Aboul-Hosn
Year 9: Bibora Fekete & Jake Gallagher
Year 10: Andrea Crossa & Karim Anabtawi
Year 11: Kiera Connell & Keith Cory
Year 12: Oliver Fitzgerald
Year 13: Ben Reynolds

Music Nominations



Year 7: Piper Webb & Leo Starkey
Year 8: Seren Hughes & Manuel Mizik
Year 9: Elza Suiters & Lars Cheli
Year 10: Kate Lee & Joshua Woodhatch
Year 11: Amelie Owen & Harry Webb
Year 12: Ben Alberts
Year 13: Maggie Pardoe

Languages Nominations



Year 7: Zainab Yusuf & Murphy Camp-Overy
Year 8: Elenia Reina & Daniel Gibbon
Year 9: Sadie Huddleston & Luka Wilson
Year 10: Jessica Bristow & Levente Denes
Year 11: Anna Gambrell & Ben Spinks
Year 12: Henry Edwards
Year 13: Priya Sagoo

Effort in Learning Nominations



Year 7: Illango Fekete & Frederick Broom-Edwards
Year 8: Phoebe Davison & John Fox
Year 9: Ahmed Kilic

Philosophy & Religion/Ethics Nominations



Year 7: Bianca Popa & George Norton
Year 8: Lizzie Johnstone & Lucas Stevenson
Year 9: Lena Holmes & Jayden Taylor
Year 10: Emiliana Larsen & Jack Knibbs
Year 11: Matilda Annereau & Rhys Cox
Year 12: Sean Wilson
Year 13: Ben Willis

Maths Nominations



Year 7: Darcy Williams & Bruno Tomkiewicz
Year 8: Jessica Hulme & Oscar Tisshaw
Year 9: Connie Howe & Dylan Williams-Lock
Year 10: Leah Harris & Jake Jones
Year 11: Anya Clayton & Hayden Paul
Year 12: Jonathan Zerai
Year 13: Syauqi Fakhruddin

Psychology Nominations



Year 12: James Badham
Year 13: Peter Somerville

Technology, Food Tech Nominations



Year 7: Tabitha Gie & Charlie Williams-Lock
Year 8: Ava Parris & Daniel Higley
Year 9: Ellis Binnington & Dominic Sell
Year 10: Jade Winsor & Matthew Godwin
Year 11: Abbie Taylor & Matthew Truman

Criminology Nominations



Year 12: Melissa Barnby
Year 13: Isabella Carco

Business Nominations



Year 10: Balraj Kaur & Hadi Anabtawi
Year 11: Kensa Horner & Elroy Colaco
Year 12: Mishka Ganas
Year 13: Alice Snoxell

Economics Nominations

Year 12: Jim Mellor
Year 13: Max Julicher



Biology Nominations

Year 12: Amy Spinks
Year 13: Louisa Holborn



PSHE Nominations

Year 7: Gracie Townshend & Jay Harvey
Year 8: Evie Napier & Fred Fletcher
Year 9: Sylvie Dominte & Kritin Chatterjee
Year 10: Sumayah Siddiqi & William Tarbit
Year 11: Mariana Gouveia & Edwin Isted



Chemistry Nominations

Year 12: Lauryn Tagne
Year 13: Aaroun Bashir



English Nominations

Year 7: Annabelle Lemon & Youcef Hamdad
Year 8: Freya Stevenson & Raihan Bashir
Year 9: Kya Davis & Rehan Ijaz
Year 10: Pippa Largey & Max Mitchell
Year 11: Chantelle Gates & Ryan Jones
Year 12: Ella Bampton
Year 13: Jacob Tanner



Physics Nominations

Year 12: Harry Shrimpton
Year 13: Elliot Lowe



AND FINALLY...



The Sixth Form student leadership met virtually at the beginning of December to come up with ideas to spread Christmas cheer in our local community. This year we have sent 124 Christmas cards; 62 cards went to St. Mark's Bupa care home, with the other half delivered to Clara Court care home. The cards expressed our good wishes for the festive season and wishing all those who are away from their family during this holiday a very merry Christmas. In addition, the Sixth Form have been collecting food items for Maidenhead Food Share, which were delivered this Friday.

From the Sixth Form students and staff we wish everyone a very merry Christmas.

Media Nominations

Year 12: Oscar Parr
Year 13: Alex Ratcliffe



Child Development Nominations

Year 10: Mabila Kalam
Year 11: Hannah Breese



Construction Nomination

Year 10: Owen Hayward
Year 11: Leyth Klibi



Travel & Tourism Nomination

Year 10: Rhyce O'Connor
Year 11: Esha Grover



Duke of Edinburgh Nominations

Year 9: Emily Dutton & Callum Brennan
Year 10: Harvey-Leo Bond
Year 11: Farhaan Khan



Determination & Resilience Nominations

Year 11: Mia Willcocks & Enes Kaynatmalar



Science Nominations

Year 7: Nicole Mizikova & Charlie Savage
Year 8: Poppy Jones & Joshua Colyer
Year 9: Rajanae Derby & Ryan Hughes
Year 10: Aela Martin & Joshua Sutton
Year 11: Lacey Rigg & Alessio Reina





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AMAZON·SMILE - REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED PLEASE

If 100 of us bought £10 worth of eligible products, then the PTFA would earn £5 from Amazon·Smile! Just think of the earning potential if we spent £50 each! Easy money!

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THE 200 CLUB - 2 NEW MEMBERS THIS WEEK, MORE WELCOME!

Question: Can you repurpose your coffee or commuting expenses and join our Club? If all our parents/carers joined paying just £5 per month then the School could earn £6000+ per year. The PTFA may be able to claim Gift Aid as well so please ensure you tick the box. Hence, we need you to click here now to join:

200 CLUB: ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

200 CLUB: MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

200 CLUB
Winning numbers for Draw 12
on Tuesday 1st December 2020



WHAT'S COMING UP SOON - STAY TUNED...

Quiz date TBC and PTFA Meeting Tuesday 26th January 2021



PTFA
Parents, Teachers & Friends Association
Charity No. 287878

VIRTUAL QUIZ NIGHT

COMING SOON!

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL PTFA

TO BE CONFIRMED

8PM TO 9PM, JOIN FROM 7.45PM


Buy tickets soon

VIA ZOOM (LINK SUPPLIED UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

Steps to follow:

1. Add a Turkey product to your basket first
2. Scroll through the product list or search "PTA" for the "PTA Turkey Cashback" item
3. Select Furze Platt Senior School from the dropdown list & add to basket.

Navigate to checkout & complete your order.



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VERY VERY SPECIAL TURKEYS

Up to £10 donated to the PTA for every turkey ordered.

If your school is registered for our Turkey Cashback scheme, simply select it from the list & add to your basket.

There is NO CHARGE to you and Copas Traditional Turkeys will donate up to £10 for every order.

PTFA Meeting!

COPAS DONATION CASHBACK SCHEME

Thanks again to our local independent farm, COPAS for their generous offer. Please add our 'PTA TURKEY CASHBACK' product to your basket when ordering:

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CHRISTMAS TREE BUYING GUIDE

For each tree sold, we'll plant one in the Amazon with our chosen charity...  ONETREEPLANTED

- SUSTAINABLY SOURCED
- UK GROWN
- CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING



Nordman Fir

- A lovely rich green colour.
- Our most popular choice, due to its long soft needles and excellent needle retention.
- The 'Stubbings' Nordman is usually very bushy so not always ideal to fit in tight spaces.

Noble Fir

- Blue/green colour.
- Long soft needles and excellent needle retention.
- Generally narrower and more layered in style than the popular Nordman, providing plenty of space for baubles, tinsel and other decorations.

Fraser Fir

- A lovely green colour with silver sheen under needle with fantastic balsam aromas.
- Shorter, rounder needles and excellent to good needle retention.
- Bushier than Noble, but narrower than the other Fir varieties, a very popular choice for the modern home.

Lodgepole Pine

- Dark green colour.
- Long needles in a classic pine shape with good needle retention.
- Bushy and generally wider than Firs.

The largest range of cut and pot grown Christmas trees



Blue Spruce

- Blue/green colour.
- Medium thin (and sharp) needles, so gloves are required, with medium needle retention.
- A stunning Christmas tree, most beautiful when the needles are bluish in colour.

Norway Spruce

- Green colour
- Medium sized thin needles and medium needle retention.
- The traditional Christmas tree but less popular now due to its less favourable needle retaining qualities, but generally more cost effective than Fir varieties.

Pot Grown Trees

- Many varieties that can be planted in the garden after the festive season.
- Will need some TLC after being in a warm home.
- Please do consider where you plant the tree as they can get very big.

CHRISTMAS TREE CARE

PREPARATION - Make sure you unwrap your tree outside and bang firmly on the ground to remove any debris and loose needles before bringing into your home.

A FRESH CUT - Make sure you take a fresh cut off the base of the trunk (at least 1 inch) before bringing the tree indoors. We can cut this for you if required.

WATER, WATER, WATER - Your tree stand should have a water reservoir. You'll be amazed how much a tree will drink in the first weeks indoors. Keep watering but note that the tree will drink less and less as the season progresses.

STANDS - Alongside the ability to provide sufficient water, you should also check your stand is suitable for the size of tree you wish to buy. Ensuring you have a solid stand is especially important if you have young children or pets.

NEEDLE DROP - As a fresh product, grown outdoors, trees will inevitably drop needles, the extent of which will depend on many factors.

AVOID TOO MUCH HEAT - Don't forget that Christmas Trees are grown outside. Radiators are their worst enemy so if possible turn off (or down) any radiators in close proximity to your tree.

Bring your tree back to Stubbings in early January for recycling by our local Council.



www.stubbingsnursery.co.uk | tel: 01628 825454 | email: info@stubbingsnursery.co.uk

❄️ FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES AND DECORATIONS ❄️ CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE ❄️ FESTIVE TREATS IN THE CAFÉ ❄️

Holiday Hunger Project

December 2020

We would be grateful for the following donations

Tinned Macaroni
Tinned Ravioli
Tin/Jar Hot Dogs
Crisps
Cereal Bars
Small pots of Jelly
Small pots of Rice pudding
Packets of biscuits
Multipacks Penguins/kitkats/clubs
Small cheeses
Cheese strings
Dairy Lee Packs Ham/cheese
Yoghurt Tubes (easier for us to store)
Chocolates & Sweets
Dried fruit
Small boxes of Raisins
Small cartons of juice
Packets of fairy cakes (longer life)
Swiss rolls
Small fruit-filled pies
Cartons of custard
Crackers

**Thank you to
Grocer on the Green &
The White Oak in Cookham
for your donation of fresh fruit .**



For large or company donations please contact Debbie on 07782 345 935

Merry
Christmas!

Foodshare will be extending the Holiday Hunger Project throughout the month of December. This will give every family the opportunity of having a wonderful & festive end to the year!



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Holiday Hunger & Christmas Food Donation Official Drop Off Locations

Foodshare, Unit 65 (Old Tesco Store),
Nicholson's Centre, SL6 1LL

Drop Off Times: Wednesday 4:45 – 6pm
Saturday: 9:30am – 11:30am

Cox Green

Sam Chalk
72, Wessex Way
Cox Green

SL6 3DH **07817 008 543**

Holyport

Adi Stephen
Pygmalion
Holyport Rod
SL6 2HA **07702 432 926**

Pinkneys Area

Debbie Gee
16 Harefield Road
Maidenhead
SL6 5EA. **07782 345 935**

Furze Platt Area

Louise Ferriman
3 The Chase Canon Court Road,
Furze Platt
SL67QW **07506 147 773**

Cookham Dean Village Hall

Cookham Dean, Cookham,
Maidenhead SL6 9PY

Drop off in the porch

