



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Congratulations Year 11 and 13

I would like to congratulate our Year 11 and 13 students who are responding so well to yet another set of demands as they work towards their grades this summer. From the shifting exam dates we had earlier in the year, they have returned to regular pieces of work which (in addition to pieces from the rest of their courses) count towards their grade. This is yet another change and I would like to pay tribute to their focus on this new goal.



School Expectations - Adapting Back to School Life

Thank you to those parents and carers who have responded so well to my note in last week's newsletter and ensured your children are in the right uniform and equipped for school. As we return to regular schooling there are some students who are taking longer than others to get back into good habits. Please do support FPSS by helping your children get back into their routines including being on time for school and lessons and behavioural expectations, as well as completing work (including homework) to the best of their ability.

Home Testing and Staying Vigilant

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have ensured their children have tested at home and logged results. You are all helping offer reassurance to our community by keeping the school safer. We maintain our record of no cases (or isolations) since our return. However, we know there is a high likelihood of a positive case at some point in the future so please do stay vigilant for symptoms.

Take care and keep safe.

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



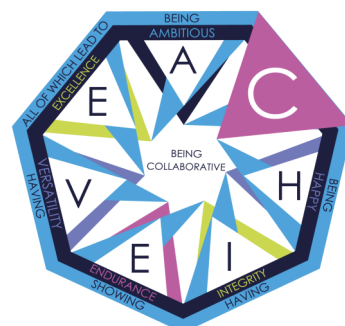
UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Some information for our upcoming events may change due to the current situation. Full details will be sent out nearer the time of the specific event.

TERM 4 EVENTS

FRI 26 MARCH	Year 12 Progress Reports Published
WED 31 MARCH	Years 7 & 8 Progress Reports Published
THU 1 APRIL	END OF TERM (TERM 4)
THU 1 - FRI 16 APRIL	Spring Holiday
MON 19 APRIL	START OF TERM 5 (Week 2)



Easter Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

Deadline Monday 29th March



SPRINGPOD®

Springpod, the careers and work experience network, has announced details of its virtual work experience programmes taking place during the Easter holiday. The placements are free of charge and open to all students in Year 10 to 13. The programmes all take place between

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Tuesday 6th April and Friday 16th April; students do not need to be available full time but need to be able to complete 10 hours of activity over the two weeks.

There is a fantastic range of programmes available –

- Siemens
- Law
- Marketing
- Journalism
- Teaching
- Finance
- Engineering
- Nursing
- Health professionals
- NHS support staff
- Business
- Broadcast and media
- TV and film
- Dentistry
- Technology
- Hospitality
- Fashion
- Graphic design
- Veterinary science
- Politics

Students need to apply for a place, the closing date is Monday 29th March.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND TO APPLY

SIXTH FORM OFFERS

DEADLINE 9AM MONDAY 19TH APRIL 2021

The deadline to confirm acceptance is 9am Monday 19th April 2021. Updates and information will be emailed to students on their school email addresses and will be available on the website under 'Sixth Form'.

In addition, students will be offered two Taster Days to provide the starting transition into Sixth Form.

During the Taster Days, students will experience the start of their A-Level or Applied courses along with a variety of Sixth Form pastoral activities. Summer work, to be completed by the first day of term, will also be issued in students' subjects on these days.

Taster Days will run on:

- Tuesday 22nd June 2021
- Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Information will be sent out nearer the time with a full programme for these days.

Year 11 students in receipt of a conditional offer to FPSS Sixth Form have until the first day of next term to confirm their response to the offer. Please email sixthform.admin@furzeplatt.net as soon as possible.

YEAR 10 - GCSE TEXTS FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE

When students in Year 10 return after the Easter break they will begin the next phase of their education by studying and revising the next set GCSE texts for English Literature.

In order to promote ownership of their learning and revision, this year the English Department are advising that, over the summer break, each student purchases their own copy of the core texts. Although there will be texts available during their lessons, having a copy of their own will mean that students can annotate and make valuable revision notes onto the text which they can use both at home and in school.

In order for students to access the lessons and revision sessions more easily, the following editions of the text should be purchased:

- Macbeth - ISBN 978-0-521-60686-8 (Cambridge School Shakespeare edition)

Copies of these texts can be purchased at bookstores such as WH Smith's or Waterstones, or they can be found online through websites such as Amazon.



The English Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in supporting your child during their studies.

If financing these texts is difficult for you or your family, please email samantha.jayne@furzeplatt.net to enquire about funding.





MESSAGE FROM RBWM:

Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays for schools and colleges

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term.

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)
- report results online as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases

Families and households can also access home test kits for adults.

HOME TEST KITS FOR ADULTS



HOME TESTING

All our students have been sent home with Home Test Kits. The request is that students test regularly twice weekly at home a few days apart, for example Wednesday and Sunday.

WHERE DO I NEED TO REPORT THE HOME TEST RESULTS?



Negative



Positive



Invalid

Results need to be reported both via the school's link and the NHS Test and trace site:

1. NHS Test & Trace self-report website:

1) REPORT RESULTS TO THE NHS

2. Furze Platt's link for reporting test results:

2) REPORT RESULTS TO US

Thank you.

YEARS 10 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 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.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

REPORTS WEBPAGE



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE



UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

EASTER TASTER LECTURES

Brasenose College Oxford and St Catharine's College Cambridge are excited to launch a series of taster lectures aimed at Year 10/11 students, and a separate programme for Year 12.

Students don't need to be taking any particular subjects or have any prior knowledge on the topics (details in the Zoom descriptions) as these will be covered in the sessions.

They can attend as many lectures as they like.

For Year 10 & 11

- Life Sciences: Monday 12th April, 6-7pm

LIFE SCIENCES

- Arts: Thursday 15th April, 6-7pm

ARTS

- Physical Sciences: Tuesday 20th April, 6-7pm

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

- Humanities: Friday 23rd April, 6-7pm

HUMANITIES

For Year 12

- Life Sciences: Wednesday 14th April, 6-7pm, Careers in Healthcare and Engineering: Exploring Medical Device Development

LIFE SCIENCES

- Humanities: Friday 16th April, 6-7pm, Philosophy: What Physics Cannot Do

HUMANITIES

- Arts: Monday 19th April, 5.30-6.30pm, How Not to Draw Conclusions: Relationships Between Art and Empire

ARTS

- Physical Sciences: Wednesday 28th April, 6-7pm, Nanoscience

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Oxbridge Taster Lectures

Free webinars for UK state school students in Yr 12 or S5

- Life Sciences (14th April)
- Humanities (16th April)
- Arts (19th April)
- Physical Sciences (28th April)



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BIG BATTERY HUNT

DEADLINE MONDAY 26TH APRIL 2021

As part of one of our eco schools targets the eco-committee are hoping to undertake the Big Battery Hunt.

'This is a nationwide battery recycling initiative funded by Duracell. Young people in schools across the UK are encouraged to think about the importance of recycling, and then challenged to collect as many used batteries as they can. The aim is for each pupil to contribute to an overall total of 4 million batteries being recycled.'

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Oxbridge Taster Lectures

Free webinars for UK state school students in Yr 10+11 or S3+S4

- Life Sciences (12th April)
- Arts (15th April)
- Physical Sciences (20th April)
- Humanities (23rd April)



Any student who wishes to take part can come and collect a pack from Miss Holmes in the Art department to fill up at home.



Students who collect batteries can be entered into a prize draw as long as their packs are returned to Miss Holmes prior to April 26th 2021. Prizes available are:

- A class trip to the Sustainability Centre
- 3-year MyMaths subscription
- Up to £4,000 worth of school equipment vouchers
- iPads
- And more

More information about the scheme can be found here: <https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/big-battery-hunt-faqs>

I look forward to seeing as many students taking part as possible!

Miss E Holmes, Teacher of Art and Design

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

'Supporting our Children: Overcoming Anger - Responding with Peace'

Today - Friday 26th March at 4pm

We continue to recognise current times are not only challenging for young people but also for parents too. Our Parent Support Worker will be running a virtual workshop on 'Overcoming Anger – responding with Peace' via Microsoft Teams.

Overcoming Anger – Part 2 – (26th March at 4pm)

- Following on from the Overcoming Anger Workshop – this will be specifically tailored for parents & carers on how to deal and support their child/children experiencing emotions of anger
- Exploring Boundaries and the impact on the rest of the family
- Learning how to implement de-escalating skills through peaceful strategies
- Returning to the calm
- Support links

Previous workshops include:

- Self-Care – Cares Better for Others
- Health & Families

Parents can contact our Parent Support Worker to do any of the workshops on 1:1 and can also book 1:1 for sessions on:

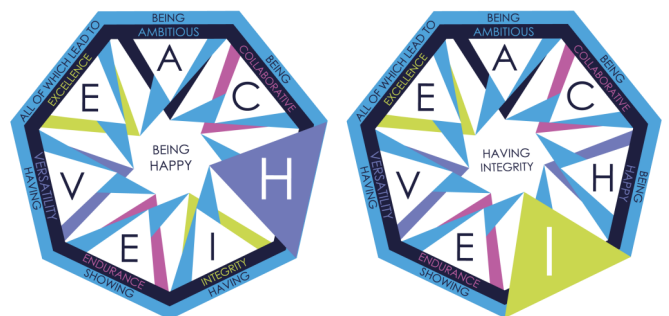
- Overcome Anger – Responding with Peace (Part 1)
- Supporting our Children Overcome their Anger (Part 2)

If you would like to book to attend these workshops or to find out more about the previous sessions, please email Benvenuta.DiBartolomeo@furzeplatt.net

STUDENT PASTORAL MANAGERS

At Furze Platt Senior School staff seek to respond to communications within two working days. Should a matter require longer to resolve we will acknowledge your email and reply in more depth thereafter. If your issue is urgent (for example affecting the health and safety of a student) please telephone the Student Pastoral Manager for your child's House.

Mrs J Barney:	Cookham & Windsor
Mrs M Carpenter:	Bray & Henley
Miss S Gumbs:	Bisham & Eton
Mrs B Harper:	Dorney & Marlow



SIXTH FORM UPDATE

YEAR
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Next week:

Next Friday is the beginning of Easter! We hope you all enjoy your hot cross buns on the Friday and the chocolate eggs on Sunday (bonus points if you can tell Miss Stirling why we eat these).

We will finish school at 3:15 next Thursday. It is a full day in school.



VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

YEAR
12

Look at the St. James's place Wealth Management virtual work experience that takes place over the Easter holidays.



ST. JAMES'S PLACE WEALTH MANAGEMENT

I wanted to let you know about another fantastic opportunity we have with a new partner of ours, St James's Place Wealth Management. We have a 4-day Virtual Work Experience program taking place in the Easter Holidays with an Insight into Financial Services. It will be taking place on the 8th, 9th, 12th and 13th of April.

The event will be covering all things from investment management and corporate real estate to cyber security and financial crime. The online work experience is open to all Y12 / S5, Y13 / S6, Y14 and University students.

Who are St. James's Place?

St. James's Place are a FTSE-100 wealth management business. Since they started trading in 1992, they've

grown rapidly to be the largest company in their sector in the UK, with £129.3bn of client funds under management. They offer personalised advice that covers financial, investment and tax planning, designed specifically for their clients' lifestyle goals and stage of life.

If you are interested in gaining a greater understanding of SJP as a business, then this is for you!

'An insight into St. James's Place Wealth Management'

- Thursday 8th, Friday 9th, Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th April (9am - 4pm each day)
- Great opportunity for those interested in a career in the financial sector (cyber, technology, HR, marketing, investments & more)
- Presentation on SJP's heritage
- A day in the life of an SJP partner
- Variety of presentations and interactive sessions to learn more about the industry
- Opportunity to ask questions
- FREE event (limited places, first come first served)

Application Link:

APPLY HERE

We have limited places for this unique opportunity so if you're interested please book on to secure your place.



UNIVERSITY OF SURREY

YEAR
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Miss Stirling will be putting book marks with the QR codes in the common room):

SUMMER SCHOOLS

TASTER DAYS



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SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS VIRTUAL TALKS

YEAR
12

Monday 29th March 5-6pm

- Sarah Henderson, Managing Director, Murray Chalmers PR.
- Are you interested in working in the music industry? Do you want to know more about what it is like to work in Celebrity PR?
- MCR is home to some of the world's most loved artists and bands including Coldplay, The Stone Roses, Liam Payne, Kylie and more.
- Sarah will be sharing insights into her career.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

Tuesday 30th March 5-6pm

- Dr Sarah Mackenzie Ross, award winning clinical psychologist and honorary associate professor at University College London.
- Thinking about studying Psychology?
- Sarah has pursued a career in the field and now running her own private practice.
- She has worked for multiple organisations including the NHS, the Ministry of Defence and as a Researcher.

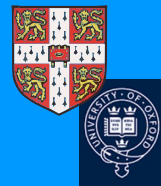
[CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

Tuesday 20th April 11-12am

- Lawrence Okolie and Harry Pinero.
- WBO world cruiserweight champion and author of Dare to Change Your Life, Lawrence Okolie.
- Harry Pinero, host and content creator.
- They will be discussing Lawrence's incredible journey from obesity to professional boxer, and his lessons for how young people can make their dreams a reality too.

To register for this event, please email:

INSPIRATION@SPEAKERSFORSCHOOLS.ORG



BRASENOSE COLLEGE OXFORD AND ST. CATHARINE'S COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE TASTER LECTURES

YEAR
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See page 4 of this newsletter for details and links to register for the lectures.

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A WEEK TIL EASTER WEEKEND AND SPRING HAS SPRUNG!



Q. Perhaps you're aiming to have a 'clear out'?

If so, can you:

1. save your outgrown excellent condition games kit and uniform and donate in May, please?
2. rummage for books for our English Department to help with our Diversity Library? Full details here:

DIVERSITY LIBRARY



Q. Maybe you're buying products online?

Could we please remind you to go through the Easyfundraising.org and Amazon.Smile Apps – its free to register your email address and retailers will donate

a percentage to us. It won't cost you a penny, honest!

We have gained one new supporter for both schemes in the last 7 days, thank you!



EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG



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NEW CYCLE SHELTER AND CANOPY UPDATE



These two brand new structures will be funded by your donations due to your participation in activities like the 200 Club, the Sale of Second-hand Uniform, Quizzes, online donor schemes and payments into the School Development Fund.

We're a little disappointed to have not won a portion of the Capital Grant Funding from RBWM (yet!) so we've dusted ourselves off and will try again plus various other avenues!

To reach our full potential to fund these two structures, it's necessary to increase our network of Funders, Trusts and connections in the short and long term. We have the specifications, data and 'bid writing' skills to hand, so can you

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provide any leads of who we may approach? Let us know by email ptfa@furzeplatt.net or message us through our Facebook page facebook.com/fpsstfa

Remember, we raised over £34,000 for the Theatre in 2019/2020 so we know a large sum is achievable between us.

VIRTUAL FAMILY QUIZ – FRIDAY 7TH MAY, 8PM – 9PM

Have any feedback, comments and/or ideas? Please let us know by email ptfa@furzeplatt.net or through our Facebook Page facebook.com/fpsstfa



TEACH MAIDENHEAD



Interested in training to teach?

TEACH MAIDENHEAD is now recruiting for September 2021 in many subjects.

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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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When? **Monday 12th April to Wednesday 14th April 2021 (3 Days) 9.30am to 3pm**

Where? Maidenhead RFC, Braywick Road, SL6 1BN (bring water, snacks and packed lunch)

Cost: £75 for 3 days or £30 per day (10% sibling discount available for 3-day bookings)

Contact: Sammie Phillips (sammie@in2touch.com / 07766 525 938) to book!

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