

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

End of Term Newsletter - Issue #64







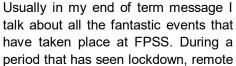
MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents / Carers

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Happy Easter





learning, testing and a four week return to school we have had few events. However, what FPSS has shown is an ability to work together as a community for the benefit of our young people. I would like to thank all the students, parents, carers and staff who have pulled together so amazingly since January. The positivity shown towards FPSS during this time has been humbling and I know your messages of support have helped our staff at this time. Thank you.

There is room for optimism as we head towards the summer term with FPSS and other sports clubs reopening, with the likelihood of more regular school days and structures returning as we head into Term 5 and 6. That said, we need to look after ourselves and each other. This week we have had students once again isolating. Please do follow guidance staying vigilant and safe over the Easter period.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and hope that you enjoy a fabulous break. I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 19th April.

COVID-19 Measures and Face Coverings

With no current significant changes to guidance FPSS will start after Easter with the same COVID-19 measures as at present. This includes home testing and in-school changes like our staggered start to the day. At present this also includes face coverings whose use in secondary school settings remain 'under review' by the government. There is the suggestion that an announcement on face coverings will be made during the Easter break so we will update you if things change.

Take care and keep safe. Dr Andrew J Morrison (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)



UPCOMING 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 5 EVENTS

THU 1 A PRIL	END OF TERM (TERM 4)	
THU 1 - FRI 16 APRIL	SPRING HOLIDAY	
MON 19 APRIL	START OF TERM 5 (Week 2)	
MON 19 APRIL	Sixth Form Acceptance Deadline	9am
WED 28 APRIL	Spring Concert (Online)	7.30pm
THU 29 APRIL	Year 7F Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
MON 3 MAY	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	
THU 6 MAY	Year 7P Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening (Online)	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 7 MAY	PTFA Quiz Night - on Zoom	8pm - 9pm
THU 13 MAY	Year 7S Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening (Online)	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 21 MAY	Year 13 Last Day in School	
FRI 28	Year 13 Leavers' Morning	
MAY	END OF TERM (TERM 5)	
MON 31 - FRI 4 MAY JUNE	MAY HOLIDAY	
MON 7 JUNE	START OF TERM 6 (Week 2)	

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GCSE POD WINNERS!



Bisham - Danny Lawrence * Bray - Felix Earl

Cookham - Milly Dunn * Dorney - George Stratford

Eton - Farhaan Khan * Henley - Luke Bowley

Marlow - Sofi Selby (special congratulations to Sofi for being the overall best user in the whole school)

Windsor - Jade Winsor

And our staff winners. Mr Frankis and Mr Molin!

A M B I T I O U S C O L L A B O R A T I V E

HAPPY INTEGRITY ENDURANCE VERSATILITY

SIXTH FORM OFFERS DEADLINE 9AM MONDAY 19TH APRIL 2021



Students will be offered two Taster Days to provide the starting transition into Sixth Form.

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.







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

STUDENT HOUSE AND SUBJECT NOMINATIONS



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Many congratulations to all those who have been nominated - keep up the good work! Our next nominations will be at the end of the summer term.

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?



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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 7 AND 8 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

SIXTH FORM UPDATE





Year 12 students are encouraged to visit the UCAS Discovery site here:

UCAS DISCOVERY WEBSITE





Many of you may be looking for support with finalising your UCASE process and deciding which university to confirm as your first choice, and which to have as your insurance. Please come and speak to us or your tutor if you have any questions or want to talk through anything.



NON-UCAS STUDENTS

Please let us know what your intention is next year. We are still waiting to hear from a lot of you - if you have a job offer or an apprenticeship lined up it would be great to hear where you're heading.



CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

BT Taster Day (Tuesday 6th April: 10am-3pm) find out more here:

BT TASTER DAY

Please see the email from speakersforschools about work experience opportunities.



SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS VIRTUAL TALKS



- Monday 19th April (5-6pm) Director of the National
- Tuesday 20th April (11am-12pm) Lawrence Okolie and Harry Pinero: How to dare to change your life. Early sign up is required due to the popularity of the event email charlotte.stringfellow@speakersforschools.org
- Wednesday 21st April (5.15pm-6pm) Rt Hon. Lord Mayor Alderman William Russell speaking on the Green Economy
- Thursday 22nd April (5-6pm) Lord Richard Chartres and Baroness Rosie Boycott speaking about the work of the House of Lords' climate action group and issues of biodiversity and reducing your carbon footprint.

LINKS TO JOIN TALKS - MICROSOFT TEAMS







PRAISE FROM YOUR TEACHERS

YEAR YEAR 13

We have been in contact with your teachers who have been full of praise for you and the work that you have completed over the last term. Watch this space – you might be hearing from us!



SEMINARS

YEAR YEAR 13

Seminar will be restarting in Term 5 and attendance is mandatory. We expect to see you during the first session back on 23rd April at 10.15am. Registers will be available to sign at the end of the session.



DRESS CODE

YEAR YEAF 13

Thank you to all of you who are continuing to represent Furze Platt Sixth Form in the best way possible. Please remember that the dress code needs to be adhered to going forward into Term 5 (including lanyards!).

CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD



Congratulations to Year 13 chemists Philip, Rajveer, Kyle, Freddie, and Adam who recently all competed in the Royal Society of Chemistry's 2021 Chemistry Olympiad competition. The competition is designed to develop critical problem-solving skills, and enable students to think more creatively and test their knowledge in new, real-world situations.

This year's competition included some particularly tricky questions on former Arsenal F.C. midfielder Mathieu Flamini's biochemistry company that synthesises levulinic acid, and the 'social-distancing' that occurs within molecules as different parts arrange themselves as far from each other as possible within 3-D space.



GEOGRAPHY EXCELLENCE



Well done to Tia Seamons, Year 9, for producing amazing work for Geography.

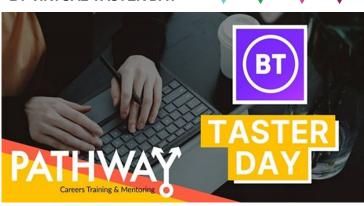
To read the entire 'News Today' newsletter please click the link below.

READ 'NEWS TODAY' - BY TIA SEAMONS





BT VIRTUAL TASTER DAY



BT Taster Day for students in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 This free taster event with BT is for those who are looking to take the next step in their careers and join a business that makes a difference.

Learn more about the variety of roles on offer at BT and

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take part in fun interactive sessions to enhance your employability skills.

Tuesday 6th April at 10:00 am - 3pm For further details and to sign up:

CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP

CAREERS INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 10

Next term, I will be starting one-to-one careers interviews for Year 10 students, to start thinking about choices for after Year 11 and beyond. I hope to meet with as many students as possible by the time they reach the end of Year 11 but if your son/daughter would like to meet with me soon to start thinking about their possible plans, please let me know. Mrs Bubb, Careers Leader judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP



'Supporting Approaches for Children Experiencing **Emotional Anger'** Friday 23rd April 4 -5pm

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







YEAR 11 GCSE FOOD AND NUTRITION



The Year 11 GCSE Food and Nutrition class completed their three hour practical which showed both excellent planning, execution of the practical and some exceptional presentation to reflect the task of cooking for a picnic or cooking brunch for a local café.

These students have worked and cooked hard through lockdown, and the results show their sheer determination to ACHIEVE.















EASTER GOODIES AT FURZE PLATT



Thank you to all our café staff for making these Easter treats for staff and students.







BIG BATTERY HUNT DEADLINE MONDAY 26TH APRIL 2021



As part of one of our eco schools targets the ecocommittee 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.'

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

Miss E Holmes, Teacher of Art and Design

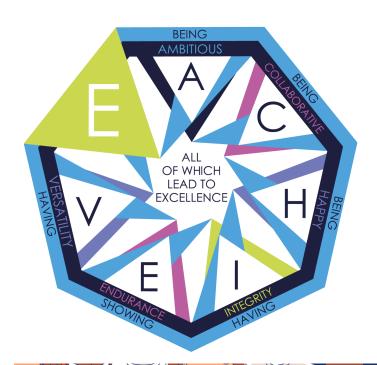






Mr Harris from our Maths Department also designs board games through his company Invincible Games. His latest offering launches this Sunday with a Kickstarter campaign, a crowdfunding initiative in which every backer will receive a copy of the game in early 2022. You can see more details and / or how to donate here:

KICKSTARTER







PLEASE CARRY ON READING FOR OUR STUDENT NOMINATIONS AND PTFA NEWS



BISHAM HEAD OF HOUSE **NOMINATIONS** GO TO...

Amy Spinks:- Having only joined FPSS this year, Amy has made a real impression on all her teachers and the Sixth Form staff. She has shown that Sixth Formers too can top the point scoring leaderboard!. Amy excelled in her studies and taken all the opportunities that Furze Platt has to offer. Amy displays high levels of collaboration and integrity in all that she does and is a fantastic role model to younger students. Well done, Amy!

Pablo Cruz-Domenzain: Pablo has shown true excellence and ambition this year, with several of his teachers recognising his efforts and awarding him ACHIEVE points. Pablo is an extremely conscientious student who is keen to succeed and is a great role model for his peers. Pablo has taken on the challenges that online learning brings and has shown lots of resilience to ensure his work is maintained at a fantastic standard. Well done. Pablo!



BRAY HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Brogan McCafferty:- Brogan has really impressed me this year, demonstrating maturity and resilience despite the difficulties all Year 11 students have faced this year. She has adapted to these changes brilliantly and has shown a good, if not outstanding, approach to learning in all areas. I am confident that Brogan is going to achieve fantastic results this year, she should be very proud of the improvement she has made - I certainly am.

George Norton: - George has settled in fantastically well here at Furze Platt. He has consistently been at the top of the behaviour points for Bray House this year and has yet to receive a single negative point. Wow!! Along with his exemplary behaviour, George has a wonderful personality and can always be seen with a huge smile on his face. He is caring, helpful and very mature – it is no surprise he has made such a positive impression among staff and students alike. Well done George. Keep up the hard work!



COOKHAM **HEAD OF** HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Amy Lillywhite: - Once again Amy did not let the online lessons deter her from engaging in her learning and worked exceptionally hard during the lockdown period to maintain her outstanding approach to learning alongside exemplary grades. Teachers have commented that she has come back to school even more motivated and we look forward to seeing where this drive and determination takes Amy. Keep up the fantastic work!

Victor Harrit:- Victor has been nominated for being an outstanding member of the school community. Throughout lockdown, teachers had nothing but praise for Victor, commenting on his excellent approach to learning, his motivation and hardworking ethic. He engaged wholeheartedly in all of his online lessons and since returning to school has continued to excel, always being polite and friendly and puts a smile on his teachers faces when he takes the time to ask how they are and how their day has been. It's a real pleasure to have you in Cookham House Victor!



DORNEY HEAD OF HOUSE **NOMINATIONS GO TO...**

Lizzie Johnstone:- Lizzie has shown all of us what a dedicated student she is throughout online and in person learning. No matter the platform she is punctual, engaged and animated in her with engagement lessons and continues to be a pleasure to teach.

Musa Ali:- Musa has been a quiet, studious and mature student throughout lockdown and on his return. Musa gets down to work immediately produces exceptional and thoughtful work in lessons and furthers this by going above and beyond in his own studies and home learning.



ETON HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS **GO TO...**

Lara Holuss:-Lara is а very hardworking student who has an excellent attitude to learning. She has impressed her teachers with her engagement and resilience since starting at FPSS.



ETON HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS **GO TO...**

Edwin Isted:- Edwin has shown great resilience this year. He has a proactive and dedicated attitude to his learning and has taken every challenge in his stride. Well done, Edwin.



Isabella Ferguson:-Throughout lockdown, Isabella has been hugely positive, always seeing the bright side. Since we have come back she has helped looked after new starters to the school, showing them around and making them feel welcome. Thank you Issy.

Luc Colyer:-Luc very kindly represented Henley House during lockdown on the School Council. His invaluable contribution gave Henley a voice in an otherwise challenging time during this period. Many thanks Luc.



Siddons:-Ella has nominated for achieving the most positive points in the whole of Marlow, a fantastic achievement!

Will Lonsdale:- Well done to Will for having a fantastic start to being back in school and showing a great positive attitude to learning.



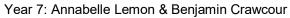
WINDSOR **HEAD OF** HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

Mia Willcocks:- Mia is one of the most hard working members of Windsor House, committed to her studies and always seekina opportunities to improve. She has shown endurance throughout online learning, despite all of the challenges it brought and has returned to school continually impressing her teachers. Well done!

Akash Rudrapatna:- Akash has continued to impress his teachers throughout his time in school and online. Akash is incredibly helpful and caring to those around him and strives to be the best he can be in his studies. He is constantly being recognised for his ambitious approach to learning and excellence and as such is a top collector of positive points for Windsor House.

END OF TERM SUBJECT NOMINATIONS

Art & Design Nominations



Year 8: Rosita Papoff & Deniz Akca

Year 9: Anna Donaldson & Joshua Lawrence

Year 10: Ella Stevenson & Jack Dunn Year 11: Melissa Hing & Jack Staunton

Year 12: Emily Willcocks Year 13: Evie Bardwell

Photography Nominations

Year 12: Daisy Harris Year 13: Chloe Leaver

Drama Nominations

Year 7: Anum Munir & Zachary Abraham

Year 8: Ruby Drysdale & Alexander Moran-Thieme

Year 9: Jessica Thomas & Leonard Cory Year 10: Madeleine Sellman & Henry Curno Year 11: Lillia Bowsher & Alfie Windsor

Year 12: Ben Alberts Year 13: Esmee Allan

Dance Nomination

Year 10: Ariadne Englezos

Physical Education Nominations

Year 7: Bella Nucci-Hartley & Jack Coomes

Year 8: Chloe Wright & Peter Nicholas

Year 9: Grace Gibson & Oscar Lane

Year 10: Kate Lee & Conor Wiard Year 11: Mia Willcocks & Victor Harrit

Year 12: Abby Jones

Year 13: Mimi Gray

Sports Studies Nominations

Year 12: Eleanor Bunce Year 13: Jodie Ford



History and Government & Politics Nominations

Year 7: Zuzanna Piankowska & Joshua Tucker

Year 8: Marina Brati & Tom Scott

Year 9: Bella Hunt & Lucas Norton

Year 10: Amelia Hadley & Harvey-Leo Bond

Year 11: Alexia Popa & Patrick Kelly

Year 12: James Badham

Year 13: Joseph Higley

Geography Nominations



Year 7: Zainab Yusuf & Luke Mattingley

Year 8: Abigail Leech-Baldwin & Connor Fitzgibbon

Year 9: Tia Seamons & Chris Tagne Year 10: Ella Clark & Ed Fisher

Year 11: Kiera Connell & Ben Parrott

Year 12: Arina Fekete Year 13: Alex Ratcliffe

Music Nominations



Year 7: Summer Holmden & Sulaksha Hettiarachchi

Year 8: Namfon Avellano & Charles Smith Year 9: Sadie Huddleston & Connor Webb Year 10: Sabrina Lee & George Stratford Year 11: Amelie Owen & Jacob Gould

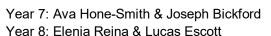
Year 12: Callum Gunn Year 13: Edward Lattimer

Effort in Learning Nominations



Year 9: Beatriz Bartarin

Maths Nominations



Year 9: Charli Arnold & Jayden Weier

Year 10: Kornelia Jankowska & Enzo Singh Year 11: Eloise Peacock & Nicholas Holdsworth

Year 12: Harry Shrimpton

Year 13: Harry Twite

Technology, Food Tech Nominations



Year 7: Anna Cook & Toby Holmes

Year 8: Zara Webb

Year 9: Heidi Grant & Nicolai Harrit Year 10: Pippa Largey & Jack Knibbs Year 11: Anya Clayton & Ashton Nicholls

Product Design Nominations



Year 12: Harry Healey Year 13: Luke Kersey

ICT Nominations



Year 12: Julius Joseph

Year 13: Alex Ash

Computing Nominations



Year 8: Verity Lakovic & Luc Colyer

Year 9: Bibora Fekete & Luka Wilson

Year 10: Andrea Crossa & Max Mitchell Year 11: Ellie Gavin & Samuel Mizik

Year 12: Oliver Fitzgerald

Year 13: Ben Reynolds

Languages Nominations

Year 7: Durusah Gulmez & Aaran Hitschmann

Year 8: Olive Owen & Edward Foxton

Year 9: Fatima Habbouli & Raahi Singh Year 10: Balraj Kaur & Finnley Tanner

Year 11: Lara Torok & Alessio Reina

Year 12: Henry Edwards

Year 13: Louisa Holborn

Philosophy & Religion/Ethics Nominations



Year 7: Sophia Louw & Noah Nutbrown Year 8: Sara Rendon & Samuel Cranch

Year 9: Laura Harrit & Musa Ali

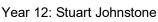
Year 10: Daisy Rippon & Jose Sanchez-Giron

Year 11: Rosa Kelly & Ted Dannatt

Year 12: Ewan Halliday-Hogg

Year 13: Josh Giddings

Psychology Nominations



Year 13: Rhys Bartholomew

Criminology Nominations



Year 13: Polly Watkins-Lewis

Business Nominations



Year 10: Sathya Sathananthalingam & Joshua Sutton

Year 11: Mariana Gouveia & Finton McLaughlin

Year 12: Matthew Dilley Year 13: Alice Snoxell

Economics Nomination



Year 13: Lilia Klibi

PSHE Nominations



Year 7: Christiana Stringer Boyle & Tyler Suddaby

Year 8: Sophie McLachlan & Fred Fletcher

Year 9: Caitlin Bennett & Kritin Chatterjee

Year 10: Sumayah Siddiqi & William Tarbit

Year 11: Isabella Hedges & Riley Moore

English Nominations

Year 7: Sumayyah Ahmed & Murphy Camp-Overy

Year 8: Poppy Jones & Jacob Hopson

Year 9: Tori Appleton & Dylan Williams-Lock

Year 10: Jade Winsor & Max Fal

Year 11: Anna Gambrill & Ralph Sewell

Year 12: Eliza Stevenson Year 13: Ben El-Hawary

Media Nominations

Year 12: Indigo Ellis Year 13: David Kupsky



Child Development Nominations

Year 10: Emiliana Larsen Year 11: Maja Nawrocka



Construction Nominations

Year 10: James Tapponnier Year 11: Tommy Grant



Travel & Tourism Nomination

Year 10: Laura Mekla



Duke of Edinburgh Nominations

Year 9: Emily Dutton & Charlie Jelfs

Year 11: Farhaan Khan



Determination & Resilience Award (Raising

Achievement) Nominations

Year 11: Milly Dunn & Ralph Sewell



Science Nominations

Year 7: Lara Holuss & Zach Evans

Year 8: Lydia Amoura & Mustafa Amin

Year 9: Anna Vasilopoulou & Nathan Macey

Year 10: Alexia Elenescu & Hadi Anabtawi

Year 11: Georgie Moore & Elroy Colaco



Biology Nominations

Year 12: Sean Wilson

Year 13: Bethan Nicholas



Chemistry Nominations

Year 12: Amy Spinks

Year 13: Edward Roberts



Physics Nominations

Year 12: Uri Weitz

Year 13: Kyle McDonald





Contact us

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Charity Number 287878

EASTER HAS ARRIVED - IS SPRING CLEANING ON

YOUR LIST?

It's on the PTFA's list!

Our storeroom needs tidying to implement a storage solution (it's not too unruly, don't worry!). We like to keep uniform in a neat and well-ordered manner so need your help to re-organise things. Can I ask for 3 pairs of hands for two hours each, during the Easter holiday, please? No tools required, apart from your gloves and a face covering! Contact Lorraine by email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net or message us: facebook.com/fpssptfa

Whilst you are having a clear out, please remember to:

Save books & DVD's relevant to the Diversity Library list https:// bit.ly/3w6APQy - Save your excellent condition uniform

and donate in May Purchase online via the Easyfundraising App https://bit.ly/2PFs7bi

Use Amazon. Smile App https://

amzn.to/3cxCeb7



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







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