

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Clubs and Enrichment

Over the last two weeks it has been wonderful to look out of the window at the end of the day and see the many students staying for our sporting clubs. You can see students' enjoyment at restarting such activities. We do not just have sport restarting - there are a series of clubs and activities across the school that will be up and running in the future. These cover a range of interests; for example, our Latin club launches with Years 7 and 8 next week. Please do look out for these exciting opportunities and encourage students to get involved. Participating in enrichment not only develops students' interests but also enables new friendships to be formed, as well as deeper connections with the school and our staff.



Uniform

I had a lovely email from someone who had driven by our school this week and noted how smart our students looked in their uniform. They were very impressed and also delighted for our students that they had returned to school. Thank you to our parents and carers who help ensure students look good in their uniform.

Lates

One area that a minority of students still need to work on is being on time for school and lessons. While I know that getting a teenager out of bed in a morning can be tricky, I would appreciate your support in ensuring students are here on time. Should we contact you because your child is frequently late, please do reinforce the importance of punctuality. Thank you.



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 5 EVENTS

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 MAY	Year 13 Leavers' Morning	
	END OF TERM (TERM 5)	
MON 31 - FRI 4 MAY JUNE	MAY HOLIDAY	
MON 7 JUNE	START OF TERM 6 (Week 2)	

Covid 19

While we have had no cases this week please remain vigilant. The next batch of test kits will be distributed next week so please keep home testing.

I hope that you all have a great Bank Holiday!

Take care and keep safe.

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





YEAR 7P PARENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 6TH MAY

On Thursday 6th May there will be a consultation evening for Year 7P parents. Due to the current social distancing measures in place this event will be held virtually.

To identify if your child is in F, P or S band please look at their timetable either in their planner or on Go4Schools. You will notice underneath the subject and teacher name is a code, ie 7F/En3. This indicates the student is in Year 7, Band F.

Appointments are booked online and are available from 4.15pm until 7.15pm. To book appointments and for full instructions, either follow the link below or go to the Parents' Evening Bookings link under 'News & Events' on the school website.

PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS

Guidance on how to use our virtual parents evening system can be found below. Please ensure you read the below guide as this system works very differently to other platforms such as Zoom. You will need to log into the Parents' Evening booking system on the night in order to access your appointments.

We would advise using a desktop or laptop for your appointment and to use Wi-Fi rather than mobile phone data. This guidance includes information on how parents/carers can join from two different locations if required, please note in order to do this the parent booking the appointments is the only person who has the ability to invite another parent to the appointment.

HOW TO ATTEND APPOINTMENTS OVER VIDEO CALL

If you are unable to attend the consultation via video call, please let us know in the booking system comments section and we will arrange a time to contact you by phone about your child's progress.

Appointment slots will be available to book from 6:00pm this evening.

We advise you to book as soon as possible as appointments are likely to book up quickly.

Details on how to speak to a member of our Senior Leadership Team during the evening were sent to all parents and carers.

If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01628 625308.

We look forward to seeing you.

Miss L Lewis, Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral)



INVITATIONS TO CLUBS

Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received invitations to attend clubs for their son/daughter, with many more to come over the next few weeks as restrictions are lifted further. The emails will be headed from Furze Platt Senior School showing the email address evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk and the links are safe for you to click on to confirm your child's attendance. Please do check your junk mail if you have not been receiving them and add to your 'safe' list. An example of the invitation is shown below and on the next page, a full list of next week's clubs which can also be found on our website (under News and Events - School Club Schedule).



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FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL - CLUBS LIST

w/c 3rd May 2021

Please see below for a list of our current school clubs. Invitations for clubs were sent out via EVOLVE, you will need to confirm your child's attendance. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend any activities which may be of interest to them.

Day	Activity	Start Time	Finish Time	Where	Members	Department
MONDAY	BANK HOLIDAY					

Day	Activity	Start Time	Finish Time	Where	Members	Department
TUESDAY	Year 8 Ukulele Club	8.45am	9.15am	Mu1	Year 8	Performing Arts
	Year 7P Homework Club	2.45pm	3.45pm	Library	Students in 7P	Year 7 Achievement
	Year 10 Football Club	3.15pm	4.30pm	Astro	Year 10	PE
	Year 10 Netball Club	3.15pm	4.30pm	Courts	Year 10	PE
	Year 7 Latin Club	3.30pm	4.30pm	E8	Year 7	MFL
	GCSE Music Theory	3.30pm	4.15pm	Mu1	GCSE students	Performing Arts

Day	Activity	Start Time	Finish Time	Where	Members	Department
WEDNESDAY	Year 7S Homework Club	2.45pm	3.45pm	Library	Students in 7S	Year 7 Achievement
	Year 7 Football Club	2.45pm	4pm	Astro	Year 7	PE
	Year 7 Netball Club	2.45pm	4pm	Courts	Year 7	PE
	Year 7 Drama Club	3pm	4pm	DS1	Year 7	Performing Arts
	Year 13 Chemistry Clinic	3.15pm	4.15pm	S5	Year 13	Science
	Year 12 Chemistry Clinic	3.15pm	4.15pm	S4	Year 12	Science
	Year 8 Latin Club	3.30pm	4.30pm	E8	Year 8	MFL
	Year 8 Drama Club	3.30pm	4.30pm	DS1	Year 8	Performing Arts

Day	Activity	Start Time	Finish Time	Where	Members	Department
THURSDAY	Year 12 Chemistry Additional Sessions	8.40am	9.10am	S4	Year 12	Science
	Year 8 Football Club	3.15pm	4.30pm	Astro	Year 8	PE
	Year 8 Netball Club	3.15pm	4.30pm	Courts	Year 8	PE

Day	Activity	Start Time	Finish Time	Where	Members	Department
FRIDAY	Year 7 Choir	3pm	3.30pm	Mu2	Year 7	Performing Arts
	Year 11 Art and Design	3.15pm	4.15pm	Art2	Year 11	Art and Technology
	Sixth Form Choir	3.30pm	4.30pm	Mu1	Years 12 and 13	Performing Arts
	Year 12 A-D Psychology Support Clinic	3.30pm	4.30pm	IT5	Year 12	Psychology

CAREERS UPDATE

Year 10 Careers Interviews

Careers interviews for Year 10 students have now started. If your son/daughter would like an interview sooner rather than later, to discuss plans for after Year 11 and beyond, please contact Mrs Bubb at judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net

HSBC Insight Evening

HSBC are holding an online webinar event on Wednesday 5th May at 5pm - 6pm. The event is for students in Years 11-13 and will include information about HSBC's Summer Work Experience and Apprenticeship opportunities.

HSBC offer roles across all of their major business areas, including retail, private, commercial and investment banking, as well as jobs in operational and support functions such as audit, compliance, risk management, legal, finance, human resources and technology.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Virtual Work Experience at Heathrow Airport

Heathrow Airport is running a free week-long Virtual Work Experience programme in July for students in Years 11, 12 and 13. The school has been offered 25 places on the programme. If your son/daughter is interested in taking part, please let Mrs Bubb know as soon as possible as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please email judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net

The programme runs from Monday 12th to Friday 16th July 2021 and covers areas such as construction, engineering, marketing, IT and business at the airport. It is a fully-online experience using videos, quizzes and activities, enabling students to learn about the airport and bring to life their studies with real-world industry examples. Overall there are around 10 hours of content for students, who can complete the programme to fit around their schedule.

During the week, students will also have access to a number of live webinars with colleagues from across Heathrow including senior directors and apprentices who will give students an insight into their career and answer any questions.

More Virtual Work Experience Opportunities

Springpod have announced the next round of their virtual work experience placements, for the half term holiday in June. These events are free and are for students in Years 10-13. Students need to apply for places, the deadline is Monday 24th May. Placements include:

- Engineering
- Finance
- Teaching
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Law
- Politics
- Veterinary work
- Graphic design
- Fashion
- Technology
- Dentistry
- TV and Film
- Business management
- Charity work
- Psychology

[FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY](#)

SEMINARS FOR PARENTS

InvestIN Education are running two free 'Live Online' seminars for parents of students in Years 8-13.

Tuesday 11th May, 7-8pm: Own The Room

Power up your child's public speaking skills; vital for any career

Wednesday 9th June, 7-8pm: Success in the City

How to land a top job in the City: law, finance, consultancy and more

[FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER](#)

YEAR 9 NETBALL

Welcome back to our Year 9 netball players! If you have not come along and would like to play please see the clubs list (on page 3) for more information. A reminder to all who are attending our sports clubs – do bring water as the weather is set to get warmer.





SIXTH FORM ACHIEVERS

A special well done to two of our students this week.

Charlotte Goodman in Year 13 has been volunteering at a local food bank through the pandemic as well as keeping up her studies for her A levels – Charlotte, your teachers are very proud of you!

Last Sunday, Freddie Smith in Year 12 completed his first Triathlon in 1 hour 35 minutes. Due to covid regulations wasn't a traditional triathlon that would normally consist of run, bike swim, it was adapted and called a sprint duathlon which consisted of a run of 4.5km, a bike of 23 km, and then another run of 4.5km, all based in the New Forest. Freddie set himself a difficult challenge, arranged his own training schedule, and successfully completed it – this is a fantastic achievement and a great example of many of our school values.



EXPLORING & UNDERSTANDING THE BENEFITS OF A THERAPEUTIC SPACE

THURSDAY 13TH MAY 7-8PM

Guest speaker Professional Counsellor Melissa from Number 22

We recognise the current times are challenging for all members of a family, so it's vital that families are supportive to one another. We know each one will have different ways of coping to keep family unity – but what happens when individuals are no longer coping or responding supportively? What are the barriers? How do we restore communication that has broken down? Or emotions that are difficult to express? Children can be

powerful mirrors for parents/carers, but the initiative lies with us to create a positive change through self-realisation.

Let's ask ourselves honestly if there is anything from our past or present life that is stopping us from moving forward? If you're really stuck you may want to consider counselling.

Melissa is a lovely and cheerful soul, experienced in understanding the hearts of others and counsels both adults and young people. She will give an informal chat to explain what counselling is, the benefits, process, etc. Melissa will also explain the best approaches if you feel your children may need counselling support. There will be a chance to ask her questions.

To book or for more information please email: Benvenuta.DiBartolomeo@furzeplatt.net

"It gave me some tips to improve as a father. Taking time, finding the correct time to speak to my child."

"Wait for a time of calm on all sides to discuss the outbreak so that whatever triggered the anger can be discussed without rage so that everyone can see everyone's perspective even if they don't agree with it."

"Thanks for taking the time to create and deliver these workshops. Whilst we always tend to think "I already knew that" or "that's common sense anyway", I always find it very helpful to be reminded - and a few of the things you shared with us yesterday were really enlightening!"



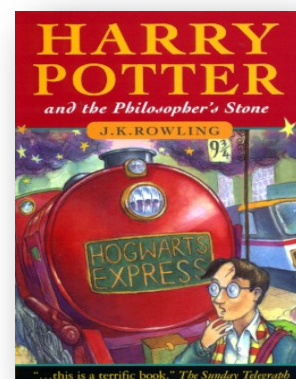
BOOK REVIEW BY TOM HARRISON, YEAR 7

HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE

Genre: Fantasy adventure

Rating: 5 upwards

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is about a boy named Harry Potter who lives with the Dursleys, who one day finds out that he is a wizard blown away with the magical world. Harry meets Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger who have a journey



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through Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

I loved the excitement of it all, and how it makes you want to read more. I really enjoyed reading the book and can't wait to read the next. I also love the magical world J.K. Rowling has created; it really makes you want to be in it. There is so much detail and back story behind it. I just love it.

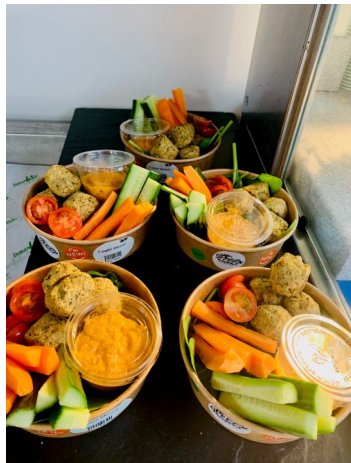
I would recommend this book to all ages above 5 just because at that age they might not understand the story. I would definitely tell people about the book and make sure they have read it.

I would say I would give it a 10/10 for Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.



UPDATE FROM OUR CAFÉ

It has been a busy few days back at school with a range of delicious food cooked and presented. We offer a range of plant based foods; a vegan menu; students celebrating Ramadan had food to take away and there were a range of special dishes for China month! There is something for everyone with different ranges daily.



NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

COOKHAM DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING ASSISTANT REQUIRED



Cookham Dean Primary School are looking for a caring, smiley, enthusiastic teaching assistant to work with their wonderful reception children on a full time basis. Please see the link below for full details of the role.

COOKHAM DEAN VACANCIES

ST EDMUND CAMPION PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Please keep this hush hush...

Mrs Opalko will be retiring from St Edmund Campion Primary School and Nursery. There is a special book where ex students can leave a message for her with your memories of the school: please email mrsopalkobook@gmail.com by 18th June at the latest. Thank you.

YEAR 9 VACCINATIONS - UPDATE FROM BERKSHIRE CHILD IMMUNISATIONS SERVICE

SIXTH FORM UPDATE

A couple of reminders and updates as we enter May.

Please see the pathways to property website if you are interested in careers in property.

CAREERS IN PROPERTY - WEBINAR ON THURSDAY 6th MAY

Over the coming weeks Pathways to Property will be hosting a webinar that is free to attend and is suitable for any student, parent or teacher looking to find out more about careers in property. This will provide a specific case study with a property firm joining us for the session.

Webinar 2: An Industry talk with SEGRO

Taking place on Thursday 6th May from 5pm – 5.45pm, this webinar will be hosted by property firm SEGRO, one of the leading owner-manager and developer of industrial properties. This is great chance to learn more about the property industry by hearing first hand from the people who work in SEGRO about the career paths you can explore. SEGRO will also be presenting on a key topic in the industrial sector – data centres – and why they are so important to everyday life. There is so much more to property than the buying and selling of houses, and SEGRO is a great example of how diverse an industry it is.

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Welcome to the Berkshire Child Immunisations Service



Year 9 Vaccinations this summer term 2021

This summer term the Berkshire Immunisation Team will be visiting all students in year 9 and offering 3 vaccines during the same session, which include:

- Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (3 in 1 booster)
- Meningitis ACWY
- HPV dose 2 (for students who have received dose 1 at least 6 month prior)

It is estimated that the human body contains enough white blood cells to cope with thousands of vaccines at any one time. If a child was given 11 vaccines at once, it would only use about a thousandth of the immune system. It is not a good idea to delay vaccinations to 'spread the load', because it leaves the child unprotected against serious diseases for longer.

Due to the covid-19 pandemic we are still catching up on missed vaccines and completing our routine schedule which is why we are offering the 3 vaccines together this year.

Many Thanks

Berkshire School Aged Immunisation Team

Please click on the link below for the SEGRO event.

SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT

To find out more about Pathways to Property, please visit their website on the link below:

PATHWAYS TO PROPERTY

Pathways to Property are still accepting applications for its annual Summer School, providing students in Year 12 a great chance to develop your understanding of careers in property whilst gaining experience of University life and developing some key skills great for any UCAS or job application. Full details of the Summer School can be found here.

Hope to see you all there!

Please direct any enquiries to pathways2property@henley.ac.uk or call 0118 378 4196.

Thank you,

The Pure Potential Team

- b. If you have finalised your plans for 2021 onwards **please can you let me know as soon as possible**

Should you need any support please let me know.

OPPORTUNITIES

YEAR
13

- a. Please see the following work experience opportunities from Speakers4School
- b. Speakers4Schools live broadcasts (some great talks on VFX, property, and creative careers)

SPEAKERS4SCHOOLS

REC

YEAR
13

Rec – this is restarting on Wednesday. It is **not compulsory** but we want to give you the opportunity for a bit of fun before you go. Please complete this form by Tuesday

REC FORM (FPSS STUDENT LOGIN REQUIRED FOR ACCESS)

morning so that we can organise registers:

Attached is last week's seminar resource – please see the links for any additional support with university applications.

SEMINAR - APRIL 23RD

From Mr Ging: Thank you to everyone who has got back to me about the Eco Panel. If anyone wants to give their feedback on eco issues in schools please let me know.

Have a great LONG WEEKEND!

Mr A Colmer, Head of Year 13

YEAR 12 BUSINESS

VISIT FROM ATTICUS AND HOPE

Today our Year 12 Business A-level students had the pleasure of a visit from Atticus and Hope, a local bespoke balloon designer and producer based in Henley on Thames.

Gemma Birch (owner and founder) spent time presenting to our student about her journey in starting this fabulous business during the pandemic, the challenges and tribulations of owning a small business, her current business and product range and also her exciting plans for the future.

Our Year 12 students now have an exciting opportunity to write a proposal of their thoughts on how Atticus and Hope can expand and diversify as we come out of this extraordinary time we all find ourselves in and propose suggestions to future proof this business.

Each student received a personalised balloon and invaluable input from a real-life business owner who also has 20 years in the corporate environment.

Thank you Atticus and Hope!





Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Contact us

Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net | Facebook: facebook.com/fpssptfa

Charity Number 287878

MAY BANK HOLIDAY IS UPON US!

**VIRTUAL FAMILY QUIZ VIA ZOOM – FRIDAY 7TH MAY,
8PM - 9PM (Join from 7.45pm)**

**7 DAYS TO GO AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT SO
GET BOOKING NOW:**

ENTER NOW!

£10 PER HOUSEHOLD

Calling all Students, Carers/Parents, Grandparents, Friends...

Back in the hot seat for a second time this year is the legendary Quizmaster Jeff Lloyd!!!

6 fast paced rounds featuring general knowledge, pictures, music and an interactive round, suitable for all the family.

Line up your snacks and drinks, and be ready for 8 o' clock.

The Zoom link will be advised after purchase so check your 'junk' mailbox and ensure our email address ptfa@furzeplatt.net is on your clean list.

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



VIRTUAL FAMILY QUIZ 2

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PICTURE QUIZ MUSIC ROUND

FRIDAY 7TH MAY, 8-9PM

Entry £10 per household, join from 7.45pm

Buy now: <https://donorbox.org/ptfa-family-quiz-furze-platt-senior-school-2>
<https://bit.ly/3v73QKG> ZOOM LINK SUPPLIED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Back in the hot seat for 2021 is the legendary Quizmaster Jeff Lloyd!!!

Please join us on screen for an hour of fun and fundraising!

6 rounds featuring pictures, music and an interactive round for the whole family.

Line up your snacks and drinks and be ready for 8 o' clock.

The Zoom link will be advised after purchase so PLEASE ensure our email address: ptfa@furzeplatt.net is on your clean list.

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THE POD GAMES

THE GAMES HAVE BEGUN

POD GAMES

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WIN

POD GAMES

Outreach Team Worker – to start as soon as possible

Part time, 30 Hours a week, start time 8.45am, finish time 3.15pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only. Actual salary £16,340 - £17,680 pa depending on experience

Furze Platt Senior School is proud to host the Shine Department, which helps young people with autism thrive and succeed in a mainstream school environment. We have an exciting opportunity for someone to work with our outreach team and provide support and training to schools within the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

The successful applicant will be responsible for managing a caseload of students with a diagnosis of autism in mainstream education settings. Working collaboratively with school staff to provide strategies and skills and enable them to improve their understanding of autism to allow them to support ASD students with progress and attainment is an important aspect of this role. You would be responsible for carrying out individual observations of students in their school environment and the provision of a written report detailing recommendations of actions to help support them. You would also deliver targeted programmes to students either on a one to one basis or in groups and attend multi-agency meetings to provide advice and support in relation to students' needs within school.

If you have extensive experience of working with students with ASD we would welcome your application. Specialist training will be provided to the successful candidate. Use of a car is essential for this role as it requires visiting other schools in the Windsor & Maidenhead area (expenses will be covered).

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 10th May 2021
Interviews will take place week commencing 10th or 17th May

4 week paid internship to start 14th June 2021



Are you interested in finding out how exciting it is to be a teacher of Maths or Physics? Would you like to spend time in one of our five impressive partnership schools in Maidenhead? Would you like the prospect of shadowing a teacher, a student and sharing your experiences with others also keen on pursuing a teaching career? Would you like the opportunity to speak with a newly qualified teacher about their first year in school?

Teach Maidenhead are looking for undergraduates studying maths or physics related subjects who are interested in training to teach upon completion of their degrees.

We are offering a four week internship programme in June aimed at providing a good understanding of the daily life of a Teacher. The programme will include shadowing teachers and students, opportunities to observe and evaluate teaching practice, time to research and review educational theories and literature and towards the end of the programme the chance to share your degree specialism knowledge to our Maths and Physics students in the classroom.

Support from subject leaders, mentors and Heads of Department will be available throughout the internship as well as the opportunity to develop an array of skills which are useful for all walks of life. There will also be time to meet with successful trainees and learn about their experiences.

At the end of the internship you will have acquired a range of transferable skills such as team building, reflecting and communicating which will help you to increase your employability and enable you to determine whether your own skill set is appropriate for the teaching profession.

We are proud of our schools and the exciting training programme we have seen many trainees embark upon and successfully complete. We are confident that we can provide undergraduates with the support and opportunity to consider what is a very rewarding career.

Our internship will take place in week commencing 14th June 2021 for four weeks and we will offer interns an amount of £300 a week upon completion of the internship.

Click [here](#) for an application form