

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #64.3



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 Students

I would like to commend our Year 11 and 13 students on their efforts since our return in March. They have been focused on the various tests and assessments which will hopefully lead to them completing their courses with the highest possible grades. Please praise students for their efforts and encourage them to keep going. With only a couple of weeks left I know some of them are tired. However, there is only a limited time left, after which there is a chance to enjoy their summers.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions

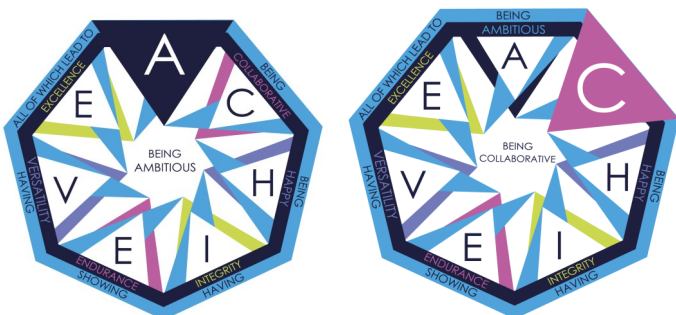
Thursday and Friday saw our first DofE Award expeditions since the pandemic started. I know students were approaching them with excitement but with some trepidation. I hope that students have returned tired but full of stories from their adventure.

Covid 19

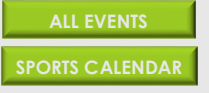
Students in one of our families this week tested positive. This was only spotted due to regular home testing. As a result, a number of isolations for other FPSS students were prevented. Please do support the school and other families by home testing.

Take care and keep safe.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS



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

TUE 11 MAY	Year 6 Parents' Induction Evening (Online - please check all folders)	6.30pm - 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)	



YEAR 7S PARENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 13TH MAY

On Thursday 13th May there will be a consultation evening for Year 7S 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.



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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.

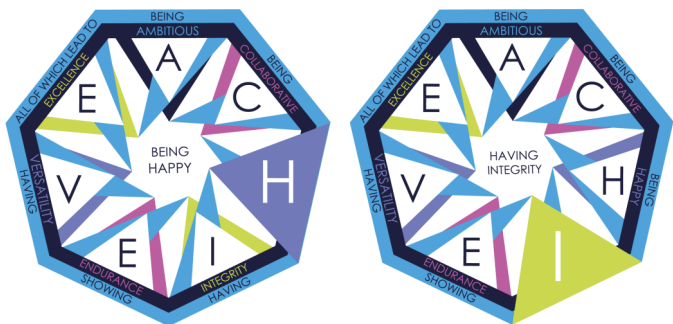
We advise you to book as soon as possible as appointment are likely to book up quickly.

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 from Furze Platt Senior School 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 below along with a link to the full list of next week's clubs.



LINK TO CLUBS LIST

PARENTMAIL

Please note ParentMail have changed their payment reference – any payments made will now be appearing on bank statements as IRISPAY.



SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Should you wish to do something different and organise this yourselves, please let Mr Colmer know.

REC FORM (FPSS STUDENT LOGIN REQUIRED FOR ACCESS)

SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Another week gone, another week closer to the 21st May for our students in Year 13. We hope your final assessment points are going well. As always, should you need any support then please come and speak to either Miss Stirling, Mr Colmer or Mr Ging.

Some key points from Mr Colmer this week:

SEMINAR

Please make sure that you are at the new theatre for 10.15am for this event.

OPPORTUNITIES

Please see the following work experience opportunities from Speakers4School.

Speakers4Schools live broadcasts (some great talks on VFX, property, and creative careers).

SPEAKERS4SCHOOLS

REC

Rec – it was good to see some of you enjoying Rec again on Wednesday. Please let me know if you are planning on attending any of the sessions and you have not done so. The following sessions are running based on this week's attendance:

- Fitness
- Football
- Chess
- Jessie J Appreciation club...

GREEN SKILL WEEK VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

YEAR 12 YEAR 13

Build Yourself with Wates – South of England

Date(s): 1st June – 4th June 2021(10am -2pm)

Eligibility: 15 -19 year olds who are interested in entering the construction sector and progressing.

Application Deadline: 10th May 2021

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

Green Skills National Competition with Anglian Water

Date(s): 26th May 2021 (09am - 3pm)

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds keen to receive a coaching session from influential figures and a place on our National Green Skills Youth Council.

Application Deadline: 12th May 2021

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

Poppy Design Studio – Marketing Work Experience

Date(s): 7th June - 9th August 2021 (10am - 12pm on Mondays)

Eligibility: 16 – 19 year olds keen to learn about the role of a Marketing Manager.

Application Deadline: 23rd May 2021

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

Nottinghamshire Police - how our Police fight crime and keep us safe with the `Eye in the Sky`

Dates: 23rd June 2021 (9:30am – 3pm)

Eligibility: 14 – 19 Year olds interested in a career in Policing.

Application Deadline: 9th June 2021

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

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Green Skills 2021 - SSE Wind Turbines session

Date: 2nd June 2021 (10am – 12:30pm)

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds keen to learn about renewable energy.

Application Deadline: 11th May 2021

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

British Army - careers in cyber

Dates: 22nd June 2021

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year old interested in an insight into how army careers are evolving.

Application Deadline: 26th May 2021

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

Learn how to save the planet with IEMA

Dates: 12th - 16th July 2021 (10am – 3pm)

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds interested in a sustainable future and would like to create blogs and podcasts for the week.

Application Deadline: 17th May 2021

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

Live, fun and interactive session with Mintra Software

Dates: 23rd June 2021(9am -1pm)

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year old interested in digital design and technology.

Application Deadline: 7th June 2021

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

Graham - Belfast Transport Hub Enabling Works

Dates: 4th August 2021

Eligibility: 14 – 19 year olds with an interest in civil engineering.

Application Deadline: 30th July 2021

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

Predict 21: Financial Times One Week Online Work Experience

Dates: 21st - 25th June 2021(10am - 3pm)

Eligibility: 15 – 19 year old interested in gaining actual experience of what it takes to work for a global media organisation.

Application Deadline: 21st May 2021

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

For a full list of placements:-

SIGN IN HERE TO SEARCH AND APPLY

Monday 10th May 2:30-3:10pm

Dame Vivian Hunt, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company

For KS4-5/S4-6

Are you an aspiring leader? Dame Vivian is a globally recognized thought leader on productivity and skills, leadership, and diversity topics. She was previously named 'the most influential black woman in Britain' by the Powerlist Foundation and The Financial Times identified her as one of the 'European Women to Watch' and more recently as the 30 most influential people in the City of London. Vivian will be sharing advice on how we can make the most of the opportunities around us and is looking forward to answering your questions.

To register for this event, please email charlotte.stringfellow@speakersforschools.org with the approximate number of students you would like to attend, and you will be sent the link to join.

HOW TO JOIN THE LIVE BROADCASTS

- Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready
- You can join without needing an account

WATCH HOW HERE

- For full speaker descriptions visit the Broadcast Schedule

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Mr A Colmer, Assistant Head of Sixth Form





PARENTAL SUPPORT SESSIONS

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.

EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF MEDITATION

Thursday 20th May 7-8pm

You are warmly invited to an evening where we will explore what meditation is, how to practically apply it in our everyday lives & a listen to a guided meditation commentary to experience it for yourselves. In our challenging world, the call is for inner calm & resilience; meditation is a place within yourself to rediscover your true beauty & strength.

INFORMAL SHARING

Thursday 27th May 7-8pm

You are warmly invited to attend an evening of informal sharing & a chance for parents to ask questions on any of the topics we have covered this term or on any way that best supports you.

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!"

REMINDER



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:

Home test reminder

Students should complete a test twice a week and register to both of the following links:

1. NHS Test & Trace self-report website:

[REPORT RESULT TO THE NHS](#)

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

[REPORT RESULT TO US](#)

All our students will have been sent home with more Home Test Kits this week.



Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Contact us

Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net | Facebook: [facebook.com/fpsstfta](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfta)

Charity Number 287878

PTFA NEWS



Unfortunately tonight's quiz has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Further details of upcoming events will be released in due course.

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM – DONATIONS REQUIRED PLEASE

Our stock of saleable uniform needs topping up!

Please donate your child's outgrown logo'd uniform to the PTFA so we can sell and earn funds to fulfil funding requests.

All sizes of games and daywear are welcome.

A few requests though...

- Current uniform with logo only
- Clean and freshly laundered = we don't want to see pockets full of pens, rulers, paint brushes, keys or tissues (and add to our own washing mountains!)
- Very good condition to sell = intact so no torn pockets or sleeves, no holes, no stains (we've received plenty of unsaleable goods previously!).
- Footwear in good, clean, saleable condition = Astro boots, trainers and/or daywear shoes that are uncreased in nearly new condition (we have an abundance of muddy football boots to rehome already!).
- Drop off to a PTFA household so contact us by email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net or message through [Facebook.com/fpsstfta](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfta) for an address or leave a bag in school reception.



Have any feedback, comments and/or ideas? Please let us know by email ptfa@furzeplatt.net or through our Facebook Page [facebook.com/fpsstfta](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfta)

AND FINALLY...

A NEW MEMBER OF THE ROUJANSKY FAMILY



Many congratulations to the Roujansky family, who welcomed son Arthur Atlas Bream on Tuesday 27th of April, at 9:30am. Arthur is a brother for proud sister Rose.

We wish them all the very best.



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.

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Closing date: Monday 10th May 2021
Interviews will take place week commencing 10th or 17th May

CURRENT VACANCIES

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

Special Educational Needs Administrator – to start as soon as is practicable

Full time, 37 Hours a week, start time 8.30am, finish time 4.30pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only. Actual salary Scale 4, £18,250 - £19,000 pa depending on experience

We have an exciting opportunity for an experienced Administrator to support our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo), Second in Charge SENCo and Learning Support Department during term time. You will carry out a range of administrative tasks including responding to emails and telephone queries, maintaining the SEN register and preparing reports for students' annual reviews. You will be responsible for maintaining the SEN register and keep staff informed of those students on said register. You will also help set up a transition day for primary year 6 students with additional needs, which requires liaising with feeder primary schools to make appropriate arrangements. Attendance at review meetings and taking minutes is sometimes required. You will liaise with many different parties including students, staff, parents and carers.

Strong organisational and time management skills with an ability to juggle a busy day and meet deadlines are key requirements of this role. If you have excellent administrative skills, enjoy using your initiative as well as working with a part of a team and are happy working in an environment with young people where no two days are ever the same then we would be interested in hearing from you.

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Closing date: Tuesday 18th May at 9:00am
Interviews will take place week commencing 24th May

CURRENT VACANCIES

Exams Access Arrangements Officer **To start as soon as is practicable** **Fixed Term Contract of one year in the first instance**

Part time, 15 hours a week, number of days/hours each day worked negotiable.

Monday to Friday, term time only. Actual salary Scale 4, £7,400 - £7,850 pa depending on experience

We have an exciting new opportunity for an Exams Access Arrangements Officer to support our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo), Second in Charge SENCo and Learning Support Department during term time. You will be an integral member of the SEN Department and will undertake the co-ordinating, planning, arrangement and submission process for exam access arrangements for learners across the school in line with Awarding Body regulations. This involves collecting and co-ordinating the completion of referral paperwork for all students who are eligible for consideration for access arrangements, preparation of paperwork and ensuring that relevant students' files (both paper and electronic) are up-to-date and accurate in time for any inspections. The role will involve liaising with many different parties including students, staff, parents and carers and in particular, with our Exams Department with whom you will liaise on an ongoing basis. Our Exams Department staff will provide you with support and training as well.

Strong administrative, organisational and time management skills with attention to detail and an understanding of the importance of accuracy and the ability to meet deadlines are key requirements of this role. If you have excellent written and communication skills, enjoy using your initiative as well as working with a part of a team and are happy working in an environment with young people where no two days are ever the same then we would be interested in hearing from you.

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