

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #64.5



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Farewell Year 11 Students

Today was the last day when all our Year 11 students will be on-site together. A majority of our Year 11 students will be returning to our Sixth Form, while others will be pursuing interests through college and apprenticeships. For those going on to take A Levels and BTECs we look forward to seeing students return after half term for lessons which will help them address anything missed in their GCSE studies, as well as preparing them for post 16 courses.



I am sure that all members of the FPSS community wish our Year 11 every success in their futures.

Super 75

I am delighted to let you know that our 'Super 75' students per year have now been selected. These awards recognise their hard work and achievements and are in recognition of points they have accumulated this half term as well as their Attitude to Learning. Those students who were nominated at Easter for subject or House awards will also be included.

Students will be notified via email (so please do encourage them to check) if they have been selected and should be very proud; there will be some celebration events next week:

Year 9 - Monday 24th May

Year 7 and Year 10 - Tuesday 25th May (at different times)

Year 8 - Wednesday 26th May

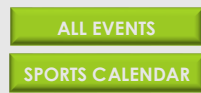
Well done to everyone who has been selected.

Take care and keep safe.

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



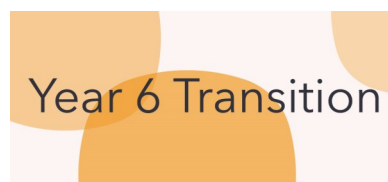
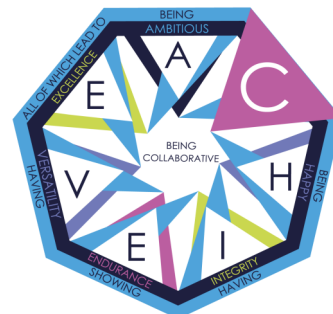
UPCOMING EVENTS



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

FRI 21 MAY	Year 13 Last Day in School
FRI 28 MAY	Year 13 Leavers' Morning
MON 31 - FRI 4 MAY JUNE	END OF TERM (TERM 5)
MON 31 - FRI 4 MAY JUNE	MAY HOLIDAY
MON 7 JUNE	START OF TERM 6 (Week 2)



FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS STARTING WITH US IN SEPTEMBER 2021

Our welcome pages with a recent presentation are on the front of our website along with our Year 7 Parents' Guide for all new parents.

We very much look forward to seeing all our new students.

Welcome!

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YEAR 11 HOODIES

Information on how these can be collected will be sent out next week.

be structured will be sent once students have made their choices.

To indicate the language your child wishes to continue studying please complete the web form available on the link below.



YEAR 8 LANGUAGE CHOICE FORM

YEAR 7 HOMEWORK CLUB

Would your child benefit from Home Learning Support?

We are pleased to open up the Year 7 Homework Club to all Year 7 students.

These drop-in sessions will run on Wednesdays after school (2.45pm-3.45pm) in E6 (English department computer room).

There are 16 computers available, and admission will be on a 'first come first served' basis.

Students are expect to follow the same Attitude to Learning rules as they do in lessons.

Any enquiries, please contact Miss Gorton (Learning Mentor) – sophie.gorton@furzeplatt.net

YEAR 13 SUPPORT WEEK

<p>Monday 24th May (Two sessions - 2.15-2.45 and 2.45-3.15) Parent session: ADVIZA Apprenticeship information workshop for parents of Y12 and Y13 TEAMS LINK (2.15PM) TEAMS LINK (2.45PM)</p>	<p>Tuesday 25th May @ 3pm "How to manage your time at university" led by Oxford Brookes University TEAMS LINK</p>	<p>Wednesday 26th May @ 11.45am "Making the most of your Gap Year" TEAMS LINK</p>
<p>Wednesday 26th May @ 3pm Apprenticeships masterclass with ex-Furze Platt students Charlie Parr and Ellie Feston Open to Y12 and Y13 students who want to find out more! TEAMS LINK</p>	<p>Thursday 27th May @ 10.15am "How to survive and thrive at university" Ex-FPSS students will be sharing their experience of university over the last few years and how to make the most of your time at university TEAMS LINK</p>	<p>Thursday 27th May @ 12.45pm Personal Finance – how to manage your money (for both university and non-university students) with Jeff Lloyd (IFA) TEAMS LINK</p>
<p>Wednesday 26th May @ 2.15pm 1-1 support sessions with Mr Colver Parents and students both welcome. Email Mr Colver directly to arrange an appointment. ARRANGE SUPPORT 1-1 SESSION</p>		

VIEW TALKS ON OFFER DURING YEAR 13 SUPPORT WEEK (24TH - 28TH MAY)

GCSE DANCE WORKSHOPS



I am delighted to tell you that we have been given the opportunity of a workshop which will teach the GCSE dance cohort the two set phrases for their practical performances. There will be two separate workshops that will take place during their Dance lesson time on **Tuesday 8th June and Tuesday 22nd June**. During these workshops students will be introduced to the two set phrases, taught the choreography with precision and be given technical support. As these workshops have been organised to support students in their GCSE, these workshop are **compulsory** and must be attended by all students. It is important that students bring their Dance kit on the day of the workshops.

Learning choreography can be a challenging task. In order to prepare students for their practical exam independent rehearsals will be on offer during Term 6. These rehearsals will take place every Tuesday from 3:30pm onwards which students will be expected to attend. If there is a clash with other after school commitments, students must make me aware in advance.

In order for this workshop to go ahead we require a contribution of £10. Payment should be made and consent given via your son / daughter's ParentMail account by Friday 28th May.

Many thanks for your support.

Miss S. Gibson, Performing Arts Teacher

YEAR 8 - GCSE LANGUAGE CHOICES

DEADLINE TODAY

Students will choose their GCSE options during Term 3 in 2022. However, in order to prepare students for the demands of GCSEs some subjects in Year 9 will be given slightly more lesson time than in Years 7 and 8. As a result of this we are asking students to choose to focus on just one modern foreign language in Year 9 from September 2021. You can also indicate if your child wishes to continue studying two languages. Further information about how lessons for a second language will



SIXTH FORM TRANSITION FORTNIGHT UPDATE COMMENCING MONDAY 7TH JUNE

As a reminder, the Transition Fortnight is for everyone who is continuing to Level 3 study, whether you will be attending Sixth Form at FPSS or you will be attending another school or college. If you do not hold a conditional offer from Furze Platt, please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate your preferred option choices for your future studies over the course of the Transition Fortnight. If you intend to study elsewhere in September but still wish to attend the Transition Fortnight, you must let us know prior to the fortnight itself. Please email sixthformadmin@furzeplatt.net to inform us of your intention to attend and to let us know what subjects you wish to take part in.

I am very excited to see you all of our prospective Sixth Formers – and even those students who may be leaving FPSS next academic year – during the Transition Fortnight for a fantastic two weeks.

Mr P Ging, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form

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 further lifted.

[LINK TO CLUBS LIST](#)

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS EXPEDITIONS

Good luck to all our students out on expeditions, those who are due to go out or who have recently completed them!



PARENTAL SUPPORT SESSIONS 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

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:

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](#)

SIXTH FORM UPDATE

VIRTUAL YEAR 12 STUDY EVENINGS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

YEAR 12

The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge are hosting virtual Year 12 Study Evenings, a Year 10/11 Post-16 Subject Choice Workshop and special student virtual shadowing events.

June Year 12 Subject Study Evenings: Year 12 students can find out more about studying English, Chemistry, Classics, Geography or Engineering at Oxbridge from tutors and undergraduates. The sessions will last just over 90 minutes, beginning at 5pm on Zoom. They will include an academic session from tutors, a Q+A with current undergraduates studying the subject, and an admissions session including how to apply and advice on how to put together a strong application. These will be Zoom webinars (attendees won't be able to enable microphones or cameras but will interact with us through the Q+A chat box)

Monday June 14

5:00 PM – 06.45 PM

English Study Evening

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

Tuesday June 15

5:00 PM – 06.45 PM

Chemistry Study Evening

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

Wednesday June 16

5:00 PM – 06.45 PM

Classics Study Evening

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

Thursday June 17

5:00 PM – 06.45 PM

Geography Study Evening

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

Friday Jun 18

5:00 PM – 06.45 PM

Engineering Study Evening

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

POST-16 SUBJECT CHOICE WORKSHOP
MONDAY 21ST JUNE 6PM-7PM

YEAR 12

Choosing A Levels or IB subjects is exciting but it is also important to understand how to include possible future university options in the decision process. The universities will lead a webinar to equip students with the knowledge to bear in mind when making their post-16 subject choices. This session will be useful to all students, not just those who may apply to Oxbridge in the future.

The workshop is aimed at Year 10 students and Year 11 students (even if they have already chosen their subjects) to show them which courses at university are open to them with their subject combinations and how to make informed decisions. Current university students will be chipping in with their experiences of choosing A Level subjects and university courses when they were at school.

Parents, guardians, and teachers are also welcome to attend but we will be prioritising questions from students during the Q&A part of the webinar.

The workshop will take place as a Zoom webinar (attendees won't be able to enable microphones or cameras) on 21st June 6-7pm:

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

This is part of our Catz x Brasenose webinar series for Year 10s and 11s:

[CATZ X BRASENOSE WEBINAR SERIES](#)

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Before attending the workshop, we'd highly recommend students and supporters watch our Introduction to University and Higher Education for Yr 10s and 11s (even if just the first 18 minutes which introduces key facts about university).

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

YEAR 12 VIRTUAL SHADOWING

YEAR
12

The Student Union at Oxford University have a series of Virtual Shadowing evenings which we'd love our Year 12 students to get involved in.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

More details and some recordings for the whole St Catz/ Brasenose programme can be found on the links below:

[FOR YEAR 12](#)

[FOR YEAR 10/11S](#)

and open day at the college on Tuesday 22nd June, and on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th July they are holding taster days for students who have an offer for September. Details of these events are on the college website:

[HTTPS://WWW.HENLEYCOL.AC.UK/EVENTS/](https://www.henleycol.ac.uk/events/)

The college is also putting on a timetable of virtual taster lessons for students who have a place there in September. This will take place in the week beginning 14th June. To help prepare, the college would like an idea of the number of students who are interested in taking part in the taster lessons, so if any Year 11 student has a place at Henley College and is likely to attend these virtual sessions please let Mrs Bubb know the student's name and intended course. I will then be able to email students the links for the sessions when I receive them. Please email judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net

Please see below for various careers resources and opportunities for students and parents.



[WWW.PATHWAYCTM.COM](http://www.pathwayctm.com)

Pathway CTM are hosting virtual Outreach Sessions exclusive to students and parents in the Thames Valley Berkshire area. Open to all students in Year 10-13, sign up to hear from employers and pick up hints and tips to ensure you are fully prepared with your next steps after school or college.

The sessions are:

MONDAY 7TH JUNE 6PM – 7PM

SCHOOL LEAVER OPTIONS

TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 6PM - 7PM

UNDERSTANDING MY STRENGTHS

WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE 6PM - 7PM

QUALIFICATIONS WITHIN DIFFERENT SECTORS

MONDAY 14TH JUNE 6PM – 7PM

SUBMITTING A WINNING CV



CAREERS UPDATE

YEAR
11

Year 11 College Transition Activities

Over the next few weeks, local colleges will be providing transition materials to help students prepare for the courses they will be starting in September and so students should look out for this – check emails and look on the college websites.

Three colleges have already produced these resources

[LANGLEY AND WINDSOR COLLEGES](#)

[HENLEY COLLEGE](#)

In recognition of the fact that so far this year students have been unable to visit the college and see the facilities first-hand, Henley College are putting on an information

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TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 6PM – 7PM

WRITING A COVER LETTER & HOW TO TAILOR IT

WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE 6PM – 7PM

LINKEDIN MASTERCLASS & CREATING A NETWORK

MONDAY 21ST JUNE 6PM –

CREATING & IMPLEMENTING YOUR STRATEGY TO GET YOUR FIRST JOB!

TUESDAY 22ND JUNE 6PM

WINNING AT ASSESSMENT CENTRES

WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE 6PM – 7PM

MASTERING THE 1-1 INTERVIEW



Berkshire Opportunities is the gateway to jobs, courses and apprenticeships in Berkshire as well as providing information on:

POST 16 PATHWAYS

POST 18 PATHWAYS

SECTORS CURRENTLY RECRUITING

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

WEBINARS FOR STUDENTS



The May edition of the Parents and Carers Pack from Amazing Apprenticeships looks at supporting your child's mental health, myth busting in health, apprentice

perspective articles in furniture and manufacturing, and much more.

DOWNLOAD A COPY HERE

For more apprenticeship information and advice for parents:

RESOURCES PAGE



'STARTING OUT: THE BERKSHIRE CAREERS GUIDE'

'Starting Out: The Berkshire Careers Guide', produced by Thames Valley Berkshire LEP, is aimed at students in Years 9-13. The downloadable guide is full of data, tips, guidance and labour market information for young people starting to look at career opportunities in Berkshire.



BERKSHIRE MAESTROS

Berkshire Maestros have 50% off all instrumental or singing lessons for new students, or existing students who wish to learn a new instrument. This offer is for the summer term only and is offered with funding from the government's Cultural Recover Fund.

[HTTPS://BERKSHIREMAESTROS.ORG.UK/](https://berkshiremaestros.org.uk/)





Cookham Nursery School

Station Hill

Cookham, Berks

SL6 9QU

Telephone 01628 520002

Email: cookhamnursery@eyfed.org.uk

Website: www.nurseryfederation.co.uk

Early Years Apprentice – Full time position, 37 hours per week, term time only plus Inset days

Start date - September 2021

[Salary – National Minimum Wage dependent on age](#)

This is an exciting opportunity to work with young children, aged 3 & 4 years, whilst gaining valuable experience and a recognised Level 3 childcare qualification.

We welcome visits to the setting; these can be arranged by contacting the school office by email on cookhamnursery@eyfed.org.uk. For application packs please email the school.

Cookham Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our children. All appointments will be subject to a full DBS check and satisfactory references.

Closing date for applications: Friday 4 June 2021

Interviews: Wednesday 9 June 2021



Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Contact us

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

Charity Number 287878

HALF TERM IS APPROACHING FAST – WHO HAS PLANS?

WE'RE SURE YOU ARE AWARE THAT YOU, YOUR CHILDREN AND SCHOOL BENEFIT FROM THE SUPPORT YOU GIVE US, SO HERE IS A BRIEF ROUND-UP OF THE STATISTICS SO FAR.



STATISTICS

Thank you to a number of families for their continued backing, however, we have NOT increased supporters since March! A slogan says “every little helps”...

THE 200 CLUB	0 renewals and 0 brand new members in the last 42 days, 103 members in total. Links noted below
DIRECT DONATION	31 families donate to the School Development Fund. For more info please Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net
MATCHED FUNDING SCHEME	0 achieved, if you have helped sell uniform, you can ask your employer for a Match! Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net
EASYFUNDRAISING	<u>£43.21 raised</u> , 0 new supporters in the last 30 days, 152 supporters in total. https://bit.ly/393NF8R+
AMAZON.SMILE	<u>£44.53 raised</u> , 31 new eligible purchases the last 7 days (106 purchases since April 21), 49 supporters in total. https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/287878-0

200 CLUB

Could you use £200 cash next month? Perhaps you're able to repurpose your commuting expenses or the price of a coffee to join our Club? If all our parents/carers joined paying just £5 per month (£1 per week) then the School could earn £6000+ per year. Currently there are 1406 students on roll, approx. 600 parents/carers on record and 103 members in the 200 Club. Please share this fundraiser and scheme with your friends and family and help us achieve a target of 3 new members for next Friday, 28th May.

200 CLUB
Winning numbers
for our next draw

How it works: The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash, per number. Your winnings are made by bank transfer very soon after each draw so there's no hanging around. You're in control of the payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your energy or phone!) and there's no spam emails either (we haven't got time to send them!). So, it's a Win Win situation for everyone. Hence, we need you to click here now to join:



ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

We appreciate your feedback greatly and welcome comments and ideas by email ptfa@furzeplatt.net or through our Facebook Page [facebook.com/fpsstfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfa)



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



Players wanted!!!!

Maidenhead Utd U14's Whites (Current year 9's) are looking to add players to their squad for the 2021/22 season.

We play on Saturday mornings and compete in Division 1 of the well organised East Berkshire Football Alliance. This is a particularly good standard of football and would suit young players that have established a range of technical and physical skills with experience of playing in a competitive environment.

Why choose us?

Despite recent restrictions, we have been a successful team over the last 2 seasons.

- EBFA Division 1 champions 2019/20
- EBFA league cup finalists 2019/20
- Berks and Bucks FA County Cup finalists 2019/20

UEFA B and FA Youth Award Qualified Lead Coach

90-minute weekly training sessions that focus on;

- technical, physical, and psycho-social development.
- In possession, out of possession and transition themed training sessions
- Strength and conditioning

If you would like to register for a trial please contact,

Kevin Cox - 07771927040