

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #65.3



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Our Extra-Curricular Activities

This week I toured FPSS after school and was amazed by the large numbers staying to participate in our many clubs. I was also delighted by the number of students leading or supporting activities. By doing so students are developing skills like leadership, empathy and collaboration that we know will be valuable in shaping them into wonderful young adults. If your son or daughter has not joined a club or activity, please encourage them to do so. You can still sign up from the email sent to all parents and carers on 10th September, which shows additional clubs on offer this week.



A Chance to Celebrate

On Thursday we held our Celebration Evening. This gave us the chance to recognise the efforts of many students who, despite all the restrictions of the last year, were able to ACHIEVE their excellence. Whether it be via excellent grades, commitment to the school, volunteering, community participation, leadership, contributions to subjects and Houses and much more, I would like to congratulate all students who received awards.

I would also like to thank our special guests, Sue Le Page and Hugh Boulter, for delivering the awards and sharing their life experiences in order to help our students.

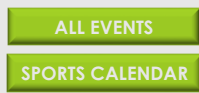
Open Events

Last Monday we started our tours for prospective parents, carers and students. It has been a pleasure to show visitors around school. I must commend the Year 8 tour guides, as well as the students who have talked to us en-route, for sharing their experiences of FPSS in order to help others choose a secondary school.

Our parents and carers are important advocates for FPSS so if you do know friends and family with younger children please do talk to them about what we have to offer.



UPCOMING EVENTS



If information for any of our upcoming events changes due to the current situation, full details will be sent out to parents and carers.

Forthcoming Events

THU 7 OCTOBER	Early School Finish	12.30pm
THU 7 OCTOBER	School Open Evening	6pm - 9pm
FRI 8 OCTOBER	INSET Day	All Day

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22

Year 11 Prepare to Achieve Evening

Thank you to all parents, carers and students who attended on Tuesday. I hope you found the evening useful in signposting the important year ahead. Details of the presentations can be found here:

PREPARING TO ACHIEVE AND SUCCEED PRESENTATIONS

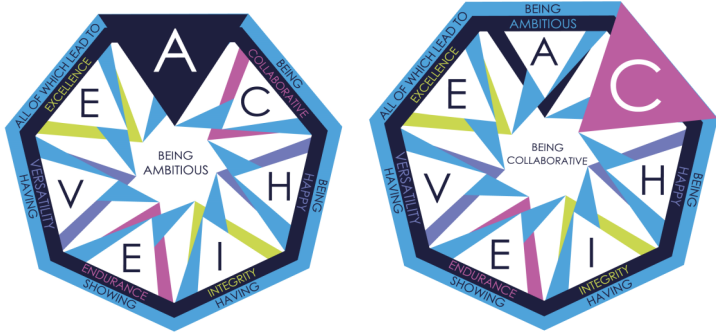
I hope that you have a pleasant weekend.

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



Open Evening

Thursday 7th October, 6pm - 9pm



possible. Well done to the winners, Cookham House! Here you can see the video from Cookham 7 (CM7), who were the overall leading form, led by Miss Inwood:

COOKHAM 7 "HELLO" CHALLENGE VIDEO



YEARS 7 AND 10 PHOTOS

RETURN BY WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

Parents and carers who would prefer to pay by cash for their son / daughter's photos should return payment to Main Reception by Wednesday 22nd September clearly marked with the student name, form (if known) and year group.



SCHOOL TOURS INFORMATION

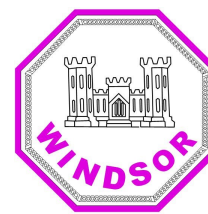
Tutor group scores:

	Bisham	Bray	Cookham	Dorney	Eton	Henley	Marlow	Windsor
1	220	420	390	510	480	600	260	490
2	540	320	210	330	280	200	360	640
3	600	710	430	500	420	140	450	540
4	590	370	410	390	260	450	360	580
5	370	260	430	310	100	540	250	360
6	510	520	660	310	440	430	390	530
7	410	380	1060	220	410	380	1060	220
TOTAL	3240	2980	3590	2570	2390	2740	3130	3360

Current positions:



1st place



2nd place



3rd place

HOUSE CHALLENGE

Each year we run a number of House Challenges where students from each House: - Bisham, Bray, Cookham, Dorney, Eton, Henley, Marlow and Windsor – compete to win the end of year House Cup. Our first challenge was the Language Challenge.

TERM 1 - LANGUAGE CHALLENGE – "HELLO"

Students were asked to find as many ways to say "Hello" as

Our next challenge is based on Endurance – please do encourage your son / daughter to take part and support their House.



Virtual Bake Off

As part of our Languages Week activities (week beginning 20th September) we have some fun activities planned, including Virtual Bake Off! Have you ever made churros, a tarte tatin or even a Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte? Or are you a creative cake decorator? The MFL Department challenges you to bake a cake from a different culture or to decorate a cake with an international theme! Please remember to take a photo before enjoying your tasty treats and email it to Miss Spence by Sunday 26th September (European Day of Languages) ready to present to the judging panel alice.spence@furzeplatt.net



ACHIEVE FUND



We have some fabulous facilities at Furze Platt Senior School! Recent developments include our new three-storey English/Science block and our new state-of-the-art Theatre. We intend to provide the very best environment for students to develop, experience and ACHIEVE success.

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE SEE OUR PAGE



WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING THE BEST LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS



NEW CLUBS THIS WEEK



Orienteering: an exciting outdoor adventure sport that exercises mind and body.



Eco: Members of the eco-club will form the school's eco-committee. A team of students who are invested in looking after and protecting our school environment through a manner of tasks and activities around the school site.

Juggling: A fun club to exercise hand-eye co-ordination and flair!



Warhammer Club: offers students in all year groups space to come and play games of Warhammer 40k and Age of Sigmar, as well as workshops to improve their hobbying.



WARHAMMER 40,000

INVITATIONS TO CLUBS



Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received invitations last Friday to attend clubs for their son/daughter.

The emails will be headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk and the links are safe for you to click on to confirm your child's attendance.

If you have not yet received an email please check your junk / spam folders.

Please note:

To book please confirm via clubs email sent 10th September.

* once in the list of clubs via the email, to book please click on the name of the club you wish your child to attend and confirm the dates

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* please only book your son / daughter on for one club per session time

* we always encourage students to attend a variety of clubs. We will be publishing a list of clubs each week via the link below and in our newsletters, and by email to students also.

* students in upper years may see invitations to academic clubs that are not part of their specific academic programme; emails are sent to year groups so please only choose sessions that are appropriate to your son/daughter

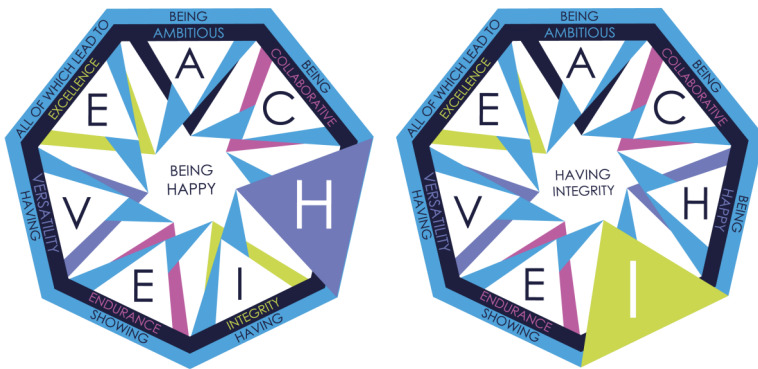
* if your son or daughter is unable to attend a club on a specific date, please email the Club Leader and provide as much notice as possible to allow time for that place to be allocated to someone on the waiting list.

* we advise students bring water to their sessions in the warmer weather

If you have not received an email and have checked your junk mail without success, please email catherine.johnstone@fuzzeplatt.net for assistance.

Thank you.

[LINK TO CLUBS LIST](#)



OUR STUDENT LEADERS



Eliza Stevenson
Head Girl



Hi! I'm Eliza and I'm Head Girl at Furze Platt Senior School. I am currently studying A levels in Music, Drama and English Literature, three subjects I really enjoy. After completing my A levels I am hoping to continue my love for performing with

a degree in Musical Theatre. During my time here at Furze Platt, the school community has been incredibly supportive in helping me balance my love for music and theatre both inside and outside of school while still enabling me to challenge myself and thrive in my studies. Over the last six years I have immersed myself in the extracurricular activities the school offers and enjoyed having the opportunity to work with students across all year groups. I am very proud of the part I play here at Furze Platt and can't wait to see the challenges Year 13 will bring.



Stuart Johnstone
Head Boy

Hi, I'm Stuart, Head Boy at Furze Platt Senior School. I am currently studying Politics, Psychology and English Literature A Levels. I am hoping to go to University to study Law with Psychology. I have been a part of the Furze Platt community since Year 7, discovering more about the school's learning opportunities every year. It has been a welcoming environment in which I have worked hard to achieve the best results I can.



Isabella Considine
Deputy Head Girl

Hi my name's Isabella and I am Deputy Head Girl for 2021/2022. I am currently studying Philosophy, Biology and Psychology and I hope to go on to complete a Philosophy degree. I have been a member of Furze Platt since 2015 and throughout my years here have made many enjoyable memories and great friends. I have always felt listened to by staff and believe that Furze Platt excels in building student teacher relationships. Teachers are not afraid to have a laugh with students whilst ensuring everyone learns to the best of their ability in ways that work best for their pupils. I have also really enjoyed taking part in a range of extracurricular activities

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the school has offered me during my time here, including different sports, choirs and academic clubs. Furze Platt has always been a community that I am proud to be part of and I can't wait for the year ahead.



Matt Dilley
Deputy Head Boy

My name is Matt Dilley and I am Deputy Head Boy. I have been at Furze Platt since Year 7 and I am currently studying Business, Politics and Media. After my time here I hope to go to university ideally studying Law. During my time at Furze Platt I have been able to excel in everything thrown my way due to the fantastic teaching and guidance and I couldn't have asked for more from my time here so far. Furze Platt has created an environment for me where it's easy to thrive, have fun and enjoy my time spent at school. I am really looking forward to meeting some new faces throughout this year.

Bisham House Leadership



Miss Thorogood
Head of Bisham House



Lucy McCarthy
Student Captain



Daisy Harris
Student Captain

Bray House Leadership



Miss Boseley
Head of Bray House

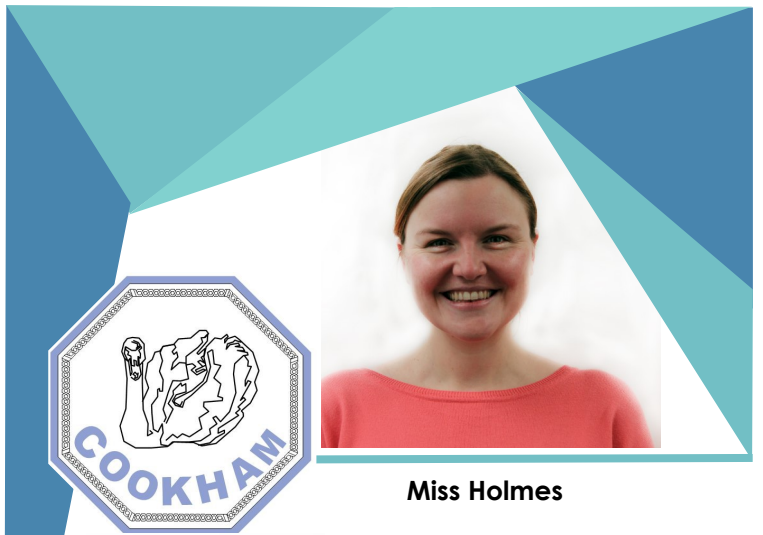


Sean Wilson
Student Captain



Emily Goring
Student Captain

Cookham House Leadership



Miss Holmes
Head of Cookham House



Amy Lillywhite
Student Captain



Hannah Jones
Student Captain

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Dorney House Leadership



Mr Djaelani

Head of Dorney House



Charlie Ferriman

Student Captain



Anna Gambrill

Student Captain

Henley House Leadership



Miss Sharp

Head of Henley House



Charlie Nickels

Student Captain



Claire O'Brien

Student Captain

Eton House Leadership



Miss Towell

Head of Eton House



Edwin Isted

Student Captain



Frank McGrath

Student Captain

Marlow House Leadership



Miss Naylor

Head of Marlow House



Tom Lonsdale

Student Captain



Bella Chapman

Student Captain

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Windsor House Leadership



Mrs Ridley

Head of Windsor House



Christian Correia

Student Captain



Jacob Sykes

Student Captain



YEAR 11 NETBALL LEAGUE

Our Year 11 students kickstarted the first sporting fixtures of the year this Wednesday with Furze Platt hosting the 2021-22 netball league.



After the first round of the tournament the Furze Platt girls find themselves in 3rd and 5th place with brilliant performances all round. Despite not having played together competitively for almost two years, the girls displayed netball of the highest

quality, collaborated like they'd never been away and more importantly, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A special mention should be given to Year 12, Martha Garner, for giving up her time to help coach and umpire the teams.

Our Team:

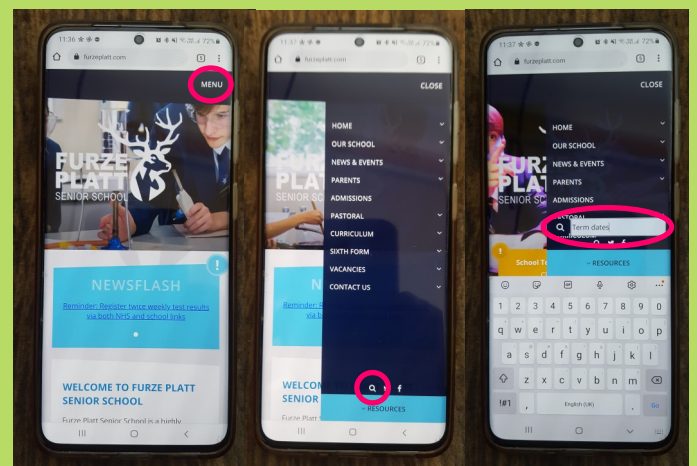
- Alexia Elenescu
- Adleigh Webb
- Amy Matthews
- Tilly Adaway
- Esha Rehal
- Kornelia Jankowska
- Ella Stevenson
- Lola Ogden
- Jade Winsor
- Phoebe Langley (C – Red Team)
- Sofia Blake Vargas
- Jemima Bohjadian
- Macey Yazdi
- Naizel De Souza
- Phoebe Forward (C – Green Team)

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION IN A HURRY?



TRY OUR SEARCH BOX!

OUR SEARCH BOX FUNCTION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE...



FUNDRAISING SUPERSTARS!

Oscar Mastrilli Year 8 (pictured with younger brother Toby) has raised a huge amount for the Thames hospice that looked after his grandad in his final days last year. The two boys completed a 10km walk around their local area as part of their Sunflower walk event on Saturday.

They have smashed their original £150 target and have currently raised over £560. To read more about the boys' fantastic efforts or to donate, please click here:

[DONATE TODAY!](#)



Open Evening
Thursday 7th October
6pm - 9pm



School Tours Available
Please call **01628 625308**
to book a tour



office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com

WHERE DO I NEED TO REPORT THE HOME TEST RESULTS?



Negative



Positive

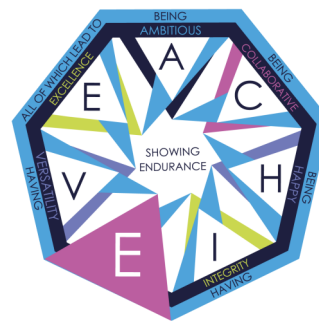


Invalid

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

[REPORT RESULT TO THE NHS](#)

[REPORT RESULT TO US](#)



Furze Platt Senior School offers:

'Pupils achieve highly at this school'

- Ofsted

- ▶ An inclusive school offering a broad, stimulating and rewarding education for all.
- ▶ Superb academic, sporting and arts facilities which create an enriching learning environment for students.
- ▶ A well-established House system offering a variety of challenging and engaging activities, as well as providing the basis for our fantastic pastoral care.
- ▶ Our eight Houses give students identity and belonging and includes dedicated staff, student mentors and leaders who will support and help with students' development.
- ▶ A wealth of extra-curricular interests, trips and visits.
- ▶ Students are able to **ACHIEVE** excellence and successfully progress to the next stage of their lives as well-educated young adults we are proud to know.



'An increased number of pupils achieved top grades at key stage 4 [and] made very strong progress in both academic and vocational subjects. The most able make similar or greater progress than other pupils nationally.'

- Ofsted

How to find us:

Furze Platt Senior School,
Furze Platt Road,
Maidenhead,
Berkshire SL6 7NQ

WWW.FURZEPLATT.COM



**Parents, Teachers
& Friends
Association**



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Contact us

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

GREAT TO BE BACK IN THE SWING OF SCHOOL AND A ROUTINE AGAIN...RIGHT?

As you are aware, we are the fundraising arm of Furze Platt Senior School. We publicise initiatives and activities through this weekly Newsletter and on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfa>. We do not congregated round the school gates like in nursery settings or primary schools (our teens would be mortified!), so we are at a disadvantage of being 'at arms length', online by email and Facebook, and through reception at school. Although, we have some wonderful followers and active participants, we would like to increase our readership and participants so we ask for your assistance by sharing our publications to family, friends, local groups, Furze Platt Alumni and to anyone you think would like to be kept 'in the loop'.

Last week we described our main fundraiser, the 200 Club; this week an opportunity has arisen to highlight **Matched Funding**...

Perhaps you saw Copas Turkeys' Facebook post re donating to Thames Valley Hospice?

If you have ever wondered what Matched Funding is, well...look here from Copas, an extremely generous donation to a very worthy cause.

Most companies offer a scheme whereby they will donate to a registered charity (like ours) if the employee has participated in a fundraising activity. Companies are happy to donate by this partnership so it is not a 'hard sell' and can be a tax advantage to the business. Please look up your firms' relevant department for their Community support, Social Responsibility, £Plus, Community Engagement, schemes (most firms have them!). In 2019-2020 we raised £14,000 by this method, so can we achieve this again?

Here are some instances that need Matching:

selling refreshments at Open Night/concerts, help running the Quiz and Bar in November, help running the back-room admin of the PTFA, look after the Nearly New Uniform fundraiser, purchasing labels from Easy2Name, being a member of the 200 Club, contributing to the Achieve Fund, participating in Amazon.Smile, registering and using the EasyFundraising free scheme – hope this gives you some food for thought!



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Can you help us access fundraising from your employer with **MATCH FUNDING** schemes?

Here are some National firms who have operated such schemes – are you employed by any of them?

We are sure we can add to the FPSS List of Donors; any size company is welcome to join in - Our registered charity name: Furze Platt Senior School PTFA and number 287878 will be required, plus some other details so please contact us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY...

In addition to the post above, Copas have their wonderful Christmas offer on of money back to our school when you buy your Christmas turkey from them!

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COPAS

VERY VERY SPECIAL TURKEYS

Up to £10 donated to the PTA for every turkey ordered

Simply add a "PTA Turkey Cashback" to your basket.

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WHAT'S COMING UP – HELP REQUIRED PLEASE!

We are beginning to plan activities for the coming year and have a few dates for you to chalk up:

Open Evening

Thursday 7th October 2021

5pm – 8pm

Refreshment sales

Volunteers required to setup and serve soft drinks & snacks – let us know your availability: ptfa@furzeplatt.net or <https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa>

PTFA Meeting

Week Commencing 18th October 2021

7pm – 8pm

All parents, carers, friends and staff welcome to meet us. We'll discuss fundraising ideas, requests, plans ahead and how to achieve them.

Big Quiz and Hot Buffet Dinner & Bar

Friday 12th November 2021, 7.30pm

Tickets purchased online nearer the time.

Volunteers required to setup, serve bar drinks and run raffle.

We are registered to receive online donations through organisations offering our PTFA free cash, at no cost to you! We would be very grateful for your registration with [Easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org) and [Amazon.Smile](https://www.amazon.com)

<https://bit.ly/393NF8R+>



<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/287878-0>

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



Learning Support Assistant – to start asap

Part time, 30 Hours a week, start time usually between 8.45/9.15am, finish time between 3.15/3.45pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only. Actual salary Scale 2c, £13,660 - £13,940 pa depending on experience

We are looking for an enthusiastic and reliable individual to join either the core Learning Support team to provide targeted support to our students with Special Educational Needs, or our Shine team who support students with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).

You will work under the direction of classroom teachers and, in line with any agreed special needs and other specialist plans, provide support to individual students in the completion of a wide range of learning activities at all key stages. You will support small groups of students for interventions and mentor nominated students. You will help students develop their social and communication skills and gain access to the curriculum by ensuring effective use of differentiated instructions and tasks provided by teachers.

We are looking for a team player, who is able to communicate sensitively and confidently with staff, students and parents. This role would suit someone who is able to use their own initiative and who has strong organisational and time management skills. This role might suit someone who is working with or has worked with students in a school setting with experience or knowledge of SEN (Special Educational Needs) or ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).

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: 20th September

Interviews will take place as suitable applicants apply

CURRENT VACANCIES

Lunchtime Controller – To start September 2021

Permanent, Part time, Term Time Only, 17.5 hours a week,
Required to work Monday to Friday from 11 am to 12.45 and again from 1.30pm to 3.15pm.
The successful candidate is welcome to use the school café and our school staff room during the unpaid break between the initial finish time and next start time
Actual salary £7,670pa

We are looking for someone to join our school and support the Senior Leadership Team and other teaching and support staff in the supervision of secondary school students during designated break times. This includes but is not limited to maintaining the health, safety, welfare, good conduct and safeguarding of students. You would be responsible for supervising students, maintaining a clean environment and reporting incidents in line with school policies to teachers and members of the Senior Leadership Team. Between break times you would assist with wiping down tables and cleaning designated dining areas. You would also support the cleaning team with other duties such as litter picking and cleaning other areas if time permits.

It is important that you are physically fit and have good communication skills and are able to work independently. If you enjoy being in a community environment and being part of a team as well as working alongside young people we would love to hear from you.

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@urzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

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Exam Invigilator – to start as soon as possible

Term time only, casual contract. Actual salary £11.30 per hour

Furze Platt Senior School is looking to add to their bank of dedicated Exam Invigilators, who will be employed on a casual basis to supervise students taking both pre-public exams and actual GCSE/A Level exams, as necessary throughout the school year.

We are looking for individuals who:

- Are available to work on an ad hoc basis during exam sessions particularly during May/June.
- Are able to work individually and as part of a team
- Have good interpersonal skills
- Remain calm under pressure
- Are able to follow all instructions including those set by the Exam Board

Full training will be provided and staff will be contacted prior to the exam period to discuss the invigilation schedule in relation to their own availability.

Please visit our website www.furzeplatt.com for an application form or contact Mrs Sarah Hemsley via sarah.hemsley@furzeplatt.net for further information. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered. All applications should be submitted to kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net.

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Closing date: Ongoing

Interviews will take place as suitable applicants apply

CURRENT VACANCIES

We only do positive.

MAIDENHEAD UNITED FC JUNIORS



TheFA
Charter Standard Youth Club.

ARE YOU READY TO BE PART OF A TEAM?

The U15 Blades Sunday team are looking For a Goalkeeper for season 21/22. We play in the Wycombe & South Bucks League Division 3 Our training day during the season is. Tuesday 6pm to 7pm

For all expressions of interest please contact
Toby:
07740980253
Toby.Wheeler@outlook.com

Maidenhead United FC Juniors U15 Blades are looking for a Goalkeeper for Season 21/22

Trials to be held

www.MUFCJuniors.co.uk
 Email - Toby.Wheeler@outlook.com
 07740980253



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TheFA
Charter Standard.

OPEN EVENTS

Take control
of your ▶▶▶ **learning**

Explore ▶▶ **something new**

@ Bracknell and Wokingham College
Sat 9 Oct, 9.30am–12.30pm and
Wed 24 Nov, 4-7pm

@ Reading College
Wed 13 Oct, 4-7pm and
Sat 13 Nov, 9.30am–12.30pm

REGISTER YOUR
PLACE NOW:

