

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

### Term 1

I want to begin this newsletter by thanking you and your children for the excellent start to the 2021/22 academic year. We are back into 'normal' school routines and when touring prospective parents and children around FPSS it has been a pleasure to show them the range of learning taking place. Moreover, we have seen the return of a massive number of clubs, societies, Duke of Edinburgh Awards and expeditions and much more. Your support for these activities has been exceptional and I look forward to seeing students further benefitting from these opportunities in Term 2.



### COVID-19

As has been covered in the press, this week Berkshire schools have been asked to bring back some Covid measures to help limit the spread of the virus in future weeks. Parents and carers were sent a letter from me on Thursday detailing our response. While at present FPSS numbers are low, we want to protect the health of not just our school, but the wider community. Please help FPSS by discussing these new measures with your children and testing them prior to their return next term.

### Year 11

On Monday our Year 11 students and their parents/carers received their PPE (mock) results. On Tuesday, they all attended our Revision Conference followed by Parents Evening on Thursday. These events are designed to help students be successful in their GCSE examinations next summer. While I know some students were overjoyed by the results, others acknowledge that they have work to do. Importantly, students need to recognise what they need to learn from their PPEs and focus on improvements in the months to come. There will be many chances to gain better



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)
[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

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

### Next week

<b>MON 25 - FRI 29</b> OCTOBER	Half Term Holidays
<b>MON 1</b> NOVEMBER	Start of Term 2 (Week 1)

### Term 2 events

<b>THU 25</b> NOVEMBER	Sixth Form Open Evening	6pm - 9pm
<b>FRI 26</b> NOVEMBER	Late Start 9.15am	
<b>TUE 30</b> NOVEMBER	Careers & Higher Education Fair	6pm - 8pm
<b>TUE 2</b> DECEMBER	Year 12 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
<b>WED 8</b> DECEMBER	Christmas Concert	7.30pm - 8.30pm
<b>THU 9</b> DECEMBER	Year 13 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm
<b>FRI 17</b> DECEMBER	End of Term 2	
<b>MON 20 - MON 3</b> JANUARY	Christmas Holidays	
<b>TUE 4</b> JANUARY	Start of Term 3	

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22

results starting with a Maths PPE on Monday 1st November, our first day back.

### Mufti Day

Thank you to all our community for helping raise £1330 last Friday for Just OneTree.

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## Super 75 Reward Cinema Experience

Finally, many congratulations to all those students who earned enough ACHIEVE points in Term 1 to be in the top 75 in their House and attend the cinema experience this week. If your child did not make the Top 75 please encourage them to reach for this goal in Term 2. The photo is of students from Bisham/Dorney at their Super 75 Celebration.



Take care,

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

## YEARS 11 AND 12 REPORTS

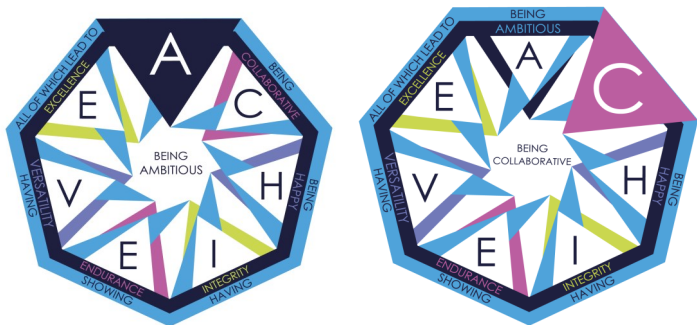
The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com) and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Please see here for our Guidance to Grading document:

### [GUIDANCE TO GRADING](#)

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager



## INVITATIONS TO NEXT TERM'S CLUBS



Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations to attend clubs for their son/daughter. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address [evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk](mailto: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:

- \* all bookings for this term must be made through the original email invitations (one for clubs and one for academic support clinics)
- \* once in the list of clubs or clinics, click on the name of the club you wish your child to attend and confirm the dates
- \* please only book your son / daughter on for one club or clinics per session
- \* we always encourage students to attend as many as they are able. In addition to the email invitation, we will be publishing a list of clubs each week via the link below
- \* 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 [catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net](mailto:catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net) and provide as much notice as possible to allow time for that place to be allocated to someone on the waiting list.

New clubs throughout the term will be added to the email so please check the link below each week to see what clubs your son/daughter may be interested in.

Thank you.

### [LINK TO CLUBS LIST](#)

## ANIME CLUB



We've been having lots of fun in Anime Club as each week we try out different anime. From My Hero Academia (superheroes) to Haikyuu (volleyball) to Blue Exorcist (action-packed) – there's something for everyone! It's been great fun watching different series and discussing them afterwards. After October half term it will open up again to Years 7-10 (Tuesday week 1 for Years 7 and 8, Tuesday week 2 for Years 9 and 10).

Mrs H Brookling, Teacher of English

Here are some testimonials for Anime Club (all Year 7 students):

*'The environment is welcoming and friendly' – James H*

*'It's different to other clubs and I like watching anime with friends' – Henry C*

*'I love watching different anime each week' – Alfie M*

*'I enjoy trying different anime with changing art styles' – Sam P*

*'I find anime is really good!' – Vishruth Y*

*'We watch great shows and eat nice sweets' – Joel J*

*'I can see if there are any anime that I want to watch. Also, I can watch anime at school – how cool is that?' Nela S*

*'I love anime and I've never been in an anime club before so it's a good experience. It's good that there are other anime fans to watch with.' Jiwoo H*

*'It's fun watching different anime' – David Y*



**TUESDAY**  
15:30- 16:30  
E7

**YEAR 7**

This is a taster session of the kinds of anime we watch in anime club. Each week we watch 2 episodes of a different series ranging from action to romance, to sports, to slice of life, etc!



## SUPERVISED STUDY CLUB

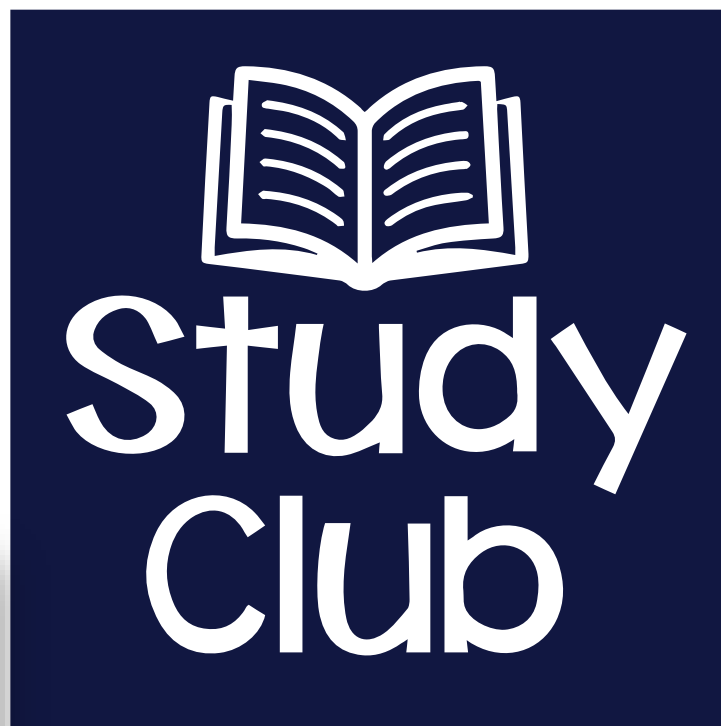


**Would your child like a quiet space to work? Do they need support with their home learning?**

Supervised Study runs Monday to Friday after school from 3.15 to 4.30pm in E6 (English Computer Room).

Parents / carers should book via the email headed Term 2 Academic Support Clinics; there is space for 20 students each afternoon.

Any questions, please contact Miss S Gorton, Learning Mentor at: [sophie.gorton@furzeplatt.net](mailto:sophie.gorton@furzeplatt.net)





Year 8

Evie Joyce  
James Kinrade  
Zack Abraham



Year 7

Gerhard Ueckermann  
Owen Lattimer  
Bethany Thompson  
Olivia Alessi- Segunda  
Evan Smith  
Ethan Heywood

LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

**FRENCH**

**Linguists of the Fortnight**

<u>KS3</u>	<u>KS4</u>
Tori Patton	John Hern
Bethany Thompson	Kate Lee
Joseph Bickford	
Billy McCabe	
Oliver Targett	
Aston Smith	
Hamza Saidouni	
Emma Bunn	
Junaid Shabir	

**SPANISH**

**Linguists of the Fortnight**

<u>KS3</u>	<u>KS3</u>
Daniel	Bella Nucci-Hartley
Ghassemnejad	Mitchell Holmes
Ahmet Karapinar	Balpreet Kaur
Callie Williams	Lydia Amoura
Cait Hamilton	Jacob Hopson
Emily Bray	
Mateo Rendon	<u>KS4</u>
Hannah Emmet	Anna Vasilopoulou
	Brooke Stevens

**GERMAN**

**Linguists of the Fortnight**

<u>KS3</u>	<u>KS4</u>
Charlie Pickering	Raahi Singh
Saqib Hussain	Jonny Wheeler
Ellie McCaffery	Archie
Owen Lattimer	Connaught-Phiri
Alfie Wetherall	Matthew Godwin
Elyza Tirmizi	Henry Drew
Fabien Mordech	Erin Hanna
Ruby Fox	
Bailey Clarke	
Jamie Metcalfe	

## HOUSE CHALLENGES



Well done to Windsor House for making it onto the top three scoreboard in both weeks and to Eton and Bray Houses for their overall wins!

### Language Challenge 5 - Weather Forecast

Tutor Group	Bisham	Bray	Cookham	Dorney	Eton	Henley	Marlow	Windsor
1	60	50		40	20	50	10	30
2			60		60	50	60	60
3	30		40		50			60
4	60	60	40	50	60	40	60	60
5		60	20	50	60			
6		60	30	50	60	30		
7	60		50		60		50	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>260</b>



### Language Challenge 6 - Kahoot

Tutor Group	Bisham	Bray	Cookham	Dorney	Eton	Henley	Marlow	Windsor
1	14565	11341		14877	9745	11534		9740
2		16930	15358		9637		13664	11330
3	11787	12868	12351	9907	11125		10634	11954
4	11773	14489	12327	10191	11578	10778	9577	9854
5	12556	15185		11673		10992	11756	12936
6	13431	13699	14840		13500	8940		
7	11984		12981	12832	11984		12981	12832
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76096</b>	<b>84512</b>	<b>67857</b>	<b>59480</b>	<b>67569</b>	<b>42244</b>	<b>58612</b>	<b>68646</b>



## ESAA CROSS COUNTRY CUP



A huge congratulation to our Junior and Intermediate Boys who competed excellently on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the 'ESAA Cross Country Cup' at Berkshire County Sports Club. The Junior Boys finished in 6<sup>th</sup> position while our Intermediate Boys finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position, very narrowly missing out of a top three finish. A special mention goes to Lucas Norton who finished in second position in his race.



#### Junior Boys

Fabien Mormech  
Toby Holmes  
Luke Rice  
George Kemp  
Gerhard Ueckermann

#### Senior Boys

Connor Fitzgibbon  
Samuel Cranch  
Lucas Norton  
Isaac Cozens

## GCSEPOD TOP USERS



The following students will receive a certificate and an Amazon voucher for being the top GCSEPod users in their House for this term:-

House	Name	Usage/Streams
Bisham	Olivia Wojas	65
Bray	Shay East	67
Cookham	Madeleine Sellman	85
Dorney	Sophie McLachlan	95
Eton	Liam Shepherd	64
Henley	Michael Lee-Thorp	78
Marlow	Laura Mekla	134
Windsor	Theo Werrett	180

Top staff users were Mr Randall (Teacher of Science) and Miss Boseley (Teacher of PE).

Year 11 students attended a session delivered by our Senior Leadership Team on Tuesday focusing on revision and how to make the process successful. This included looking at Understanding the Effective Learning Process including:-

- ✓ Understanding
- ✓ Condensing
- ✓ Memorising
- ✓ Reviewing/revisiting what is memorised
- ✓ Application to question & Practising
- ✓ Using effective note taking to help understanding
- ✓ RAGGING (Red, Amber, Green: traffic lighting topics within a subject to indicate where knowledge is sound, requires some work, requires learning)
- ✓ Planning effective revision tasks

They did various activities including RAGGING a subject and making and consolidating notes from extracts used in English Literature.

Immediately following October half term, all of Year 11 will be attending a session on producing an effective revision timetable during their PSHE lessons. This will then be followed by a session on 'How to Revise' later on in the year to build on the skills gained from this week's session.

If you have any queries please email  
[james.dollery@furzeplatt.net](mailto:james.dollery@furzeplatt.net)  
or  
[debbie.feather@furzeplatt.net](mailto:debbie.feather@furzeplatt.net).

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher

Mrs D Feather, Raising Achievement Manager



This week our Criminology students had a chance to meet another visitor – Helen Gambrell, who works for the Crown Prosecution Service (pictured with Mr Marris, Teacher of Criminology). Students learned what an average day in the life of a prosecutor looks like, and they were surprised by how many court cases one can go through within one day. They have also learnt about the career pathways and opportunities – part of which is needed for their Unit 3 AC 1.2 assessment in Year 13.



Thank you to Helen for taking the time and trouble to come to speak to our students. You have inspired some of them to look into the jobs in the legal system that they would have not considered otherwise.

Miss R Paradowska, Head of Psychology and Criminology

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

### MY DOFE BRONZE AWARD EXPEDITION EXPERIENCE

BY FRED FLETCHER, YEAR 9

So far I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience with the Duke of Edinburgh award, after doing my Bronze Award practice expedition camping in Hurley - We walked all the way from Hambleden to Hurley, camped overnight, then walked all the way back to Maidenhead. It greatly improved some of my skills, such as using my camping gear, setting up a tent, cooking food, and even my overall resilience and teamwork skills. My bag was quite heavy, but I made sure to eat a lot of protein and healthy food

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beforehand and during the trip, so I can stay energized and able to walk the full distance. This also greatly improved my skills at map reading - I can now find 6 figure grid references and use compass bearings to find my way around. On the way back we walked most of the way without an instructor, further building our map reading and teamwork skills within the DofE. So far, I highly recommend the Duke of Edinburgh award for anyone looking to build up their life skills.

Thank you Fred and well done to everyone who has uploaded their activities. Students who are still looking for



volunteering roles are encouraged to apply for a Student Leadership position.

## HOW BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEGAN

You can read the full article here:

### HOW BLACK HISTORY WEEK BEGAN



'This year's Black History Month events kicked off in Cardiff with the unveiling of a statue paying tribute to the first black head teacher in Welsh history, Betty Campbell MBE, who died in 2017 at the age of 82. The 'popular' community figure and campaigner had been told by a teacher as a child that she would never achieve her ambition to become a head teacher because of the 'insurmountable' challenges she would face as a black woman...But that discouraging verdict simply 'spurred her on', and Campbell not only became head of a Cardiff primary school, but also sat on the UK government's race relations advisory board and introduced Black History

Month to the school curriculum.

Events and exhibitions recognising the achievements of black people throughout history take place every year in October in the UK. In the US and Canada, Black History Month (BHM) is held in February.'



COPTober' events come to RBWM to drive change

An unprecedented number of community-based climate and environmental groups are joining forces this Autumn to deliver events that engage and encourage climate action amongst local residents.

From planting trees to draught-proofing your home, film screenings to repair cafes; COPTober activities will run from 16th October to 13th November. For more information, contact The Climate Community on Facebook. More details can be found at The Climate Community Facebook page.

## AND FINALLY...



### YEAR 8 RUGBY SUPERSTARS

Yesterday at the Berkshire Rugby Festival they recorded wins against Reading B, BlueCoat B, Parkhouse, Bohunt, Maiden Erlegh and St Barts and only recorded one loss against BlueCoat A's.

All boys represented the school brilliantly and took care of each other at every turn.

Try scorers included Aaran x10, Jack x1, Josh x1, Salah x3, Noah x4, Ben x1, Jo x2, Owen x1 and Kurtis x1.





**Parents, Teachers  
& Friends  
Association**



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

[Contact us](#)

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

Website: [click here to access](#)

## WE'VE MADE IT!

Thank you to those who attended the PTFA Meeting on Wednesday. The weather wasn't kind, nonetheless it didn't dampen our spirits. A variety of items and ideas were discussed, so there's plenty to get our teeth into!

Firstly, Congratulations to the three winners of £200 cash each in the 200 Club Draw. Look out for an email from [fpsstfta200club@gmail.com](mailto:fpsstfta200club@gmail.com)

### 200 CLUB

**Winning numbers for Draw 17  
on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**



To be included in the next draw and be in with a chance of winning, please click through here for further details and join our Club.

**MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)**

**ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)**

## BIG QUIZ, HOT BUFFET DINNER & BAR

**CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
NOVEMBER**

***BUY TICKETS ASAP TO AVOID  
DISAPPOINTMENT***

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November - 7.30pm for 8pm  
start**

**Buy tickets now: <https://bit.ly/3BEKekB>  
(<https://donorbox.org/furze-platt-ptfa-quiz-night>)**



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## ***8 more helpers required to setup, run the bar, run the raffle***

You'll enjoy a sensational hot meal from Giant Pan Caterers who are experts in Continental cuisine and pride themselves on serving exquisite food using the finest ingredients, cooked by premium Chefs.

£16 per ticket, 6 per table. If you've not got a full team, just come along and join a another group.

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

## **Inspirational Urban Strides Street Dance classes at Furze Platt School!**



### **Wednesday Nights:**

**7:00pm-8:00pm (Beginners)**

**8:00pm-9:00pm (Intermediates)**

**Contact us to book your place:**

**[classes@urbanstrides.com](mailto:classes@urbanstrides.com)**

**(All places must be booked before attending)**

**PASSION . POSITIVITY . PROGRESS!**

**SEE YOU  
IN NOVEMBER**

## Cover and Absence Administrator To start 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Permanent, full time, 37 hours a week, start time 7.15am, finish time 3.15pm (includes a half hour unpaid break), Monday to Friday (finish on Friday at 2.45pm), term time only  
Actual salary £18,250-£19,765pa depending on experience

Would you like to join the Human Resources team at Furze Platt and take a lead with ensuring that our students are provided with high quality cover during lessons when teaching staff are on planned or sick leave?

Furze Platt is a highly successful mixed comprehensive school serving the children of Maidenhead. At Furze Platt, 1400 boys and girls of all abilities develop the skills and qualities to enable them to excel in the future. We are a highly ambitious, high-achieving and fully inclusive school in which our students are challenged and supported to achieve excellence.

We are looking for someone with strong organisational skills and able to work under pressure yet be accurate and pay attention to detail when organising cover. The main part of this role is to arrange both planned and emergency cover for all teaching staff through the allocation of our team of Cover Supervisors and liaising with teaching supply agencies to bring in additional cover for teachers should the need arise.

In addition, and with the provision of training you will record sickness absence in the school's management information systems, follow up on the collection of self-certification forms and fit to work notes and generate monthly sickness reports for the Human Resources Manager. Other duties include ad-hoc administrative tasks to support the HR team, supporting our receptionist with answering reception calls, and taking control of the general enquiry emails sent into the school to ensure that they are dealt with by the right member of staff.

If you enjoy working in an environment where no two days are the same, love being part of a team, but also working independently, have excellent IT skills and have experience in using either school based or other types of management information systems then 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](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net](mailto: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: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9am**  
**Interviews will take place: week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**CURRENT VACANCIES**

## Special Educational Needs Administrator To start 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Permanent, full time, 37 hours a week, start time 8.30am, finish time 4.30pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday (finish on Friday at 4pm), term time only.  
Actual salary Scale 4, £18,250 - £19,365 pa depending on experience

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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. You will be responsible for maintaining the SEN register and keep staff informed of students on the register and preparing reports for students' annual reviews. 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 necessary. Liaising with many different parties including students, staff, parents and carers on a daily basis is an important and interesting part of this role.

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 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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## Casual Theatre Technician

Casual contract. Actual salary £11.30 per hour

Furze Platt Senior School is privileged to have an onsite fully functional Theatre with state of the art lighting and sound. The Theatre is a venue for school productions, professional performances and for hire by local community groups.

We are looking to establish a bank of dedicated Theatre Technicians, employed on a casual basis to assist in the preparation and running of shows. You must be available to work on an ad-hoc basis and much of the work will be during evenings and weekends. We are looking to appoint multi-skilled technicians with experience in either a professional, educational or performance environment. Applicants should be calm under pressure, good problem solvers and be able to work well as part of a team. Technicians will be contacted prior to scheduled productions and performances in relation to their own availability.

Please visit our website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) for an application form or contact Theatre Assistance via [lettings@furzeplatt.net](mailto:lettings@furzeplatt.net) for further information. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered. All applications need to be submitted to [kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net](mailto:kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net).

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**Closing date: Ongoing**  
**Interviews will take place as suitable applicants apply**

CURRENT VACANCIES

# TEACH MAIDENHEAD



## Interested in training to teach?

TEACH  
MAIDENHEAD

is now recruiting for September 2022 in many subjects.

If you are passionate about working with young people and enriching their lives, then why not consider a career in teaching?

Imagine how you could develop their knowledge of the fascinating worlds of science, arts, technology, languages or humanities when you become an inspiring teacher.

Information on the courses available can be found at: [www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk](http://www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk)

**[Find further advice for prospective applicants on the Get into Teaching website.](#)**

To apply for teacher training [Click Here](#)

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