



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Ukraine

Students and staff continue to express concern about the ongoing violence in Ukraine and the plight of refugees. Within lessons and tutor times we continue to help students understand and discuss the images they are seeing. In addition, we have had a series of collections and donations occurring amongst staff and students. Thank you to all who have contributed. More details and pictures on page 4.



Year 10 PPEs and Parents Evening

Visiting Year 10 lessons in the last couple of weeks, a key focus has been identifying the strengths and areas of development from the recent PPEs. It is evident that some students have surprised themselves with good grades, while others are recognising that more revision and examination practice is required. This range of outcomes is unsurprising 15 months away from the final examinations. Most important is that students are learning from the PPEs and adjusting their study habits accordingly.

Parents and carers play an important part in supporting their children find these good study habits which is why Year 10 Parents Evening is next Thursday shortly after the PPEs. We look forward to seeing you.

COVID-19

Although restrictions have been lifted, this week the press has been reporting high numbers of coronavirus cases. This is evident in school, especially within our staff who are reporting as high numbers as at any time during the pandemic. Please be watchful for symptoms and help



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next week (Week 1)

THU 31 MARCH	Year 10 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
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Forthcoming Events (Term 4)

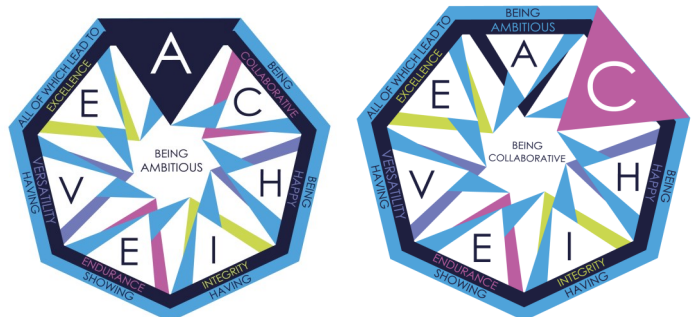
WED 6 APRIL	Sixth Form Photographs
FRI 8 APRIL	END OF TERM 4
SAT 9 - THU 17 APRIL	Ski Trip
MON 11 - FRI 22 APRIL	Easter Holiday
MON 25 APRIL	START OF TERM 5

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22 & 2022/2023

protect the health of others, as well as education within FPSS, by following guidance and limiting the spread of the virus.

Intermediate Maths Challenge

Many congratulations to all those students who received their Gold, Silver or Bronze Maths Challenge results this week. You can read more about this and see a range of photographs on page 3. A terrific achievement!



Matilda Theatre Visit

Finally, after seeing or participating in Matilda Jnr at FPSS, students had the chance to watch the show in the West End on Wednesday. I hear it was a terrific night out and want to thank all our staff, students, parents and carers who supported the visit.

Take care,

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

SIXTH FORM CONDITIONAL OFFERS

Deadline Monday 28th March

Our Year 11 students who have applied to Furze Platt's Sixth Form were sent conditional offers last Monday via their school email addresses. Please ensure they have responded by the link in the email by Monday 28th March.

Please contact sixthform.admin@furzeplatt.net if you have any queries.

YEAR 11 PREPARING FOR EXAMINATIONS

THURSDAY 7TH APRIL - 6.30PM

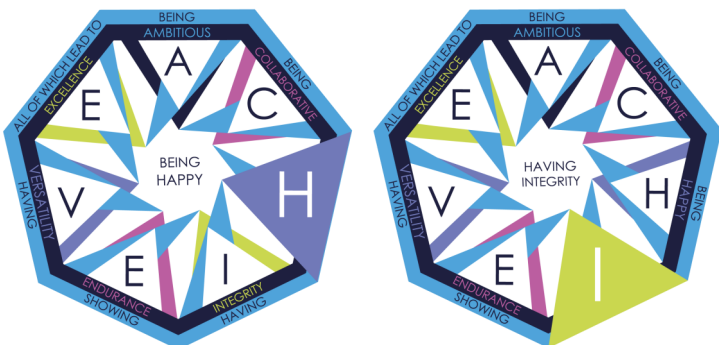
We will be hosting a 'Preparing for Examinations' information evening for Year 11 parents and carers only on Thursday 7th April at 6.30pm in our Theatre. I really do hope you are able to attend and Mrs Feather (Raising Achievement Manager) and I look forward to seeing you in person.

Should you have any questions regarding the support the school is providing for your son or daughter at this crucial time, then please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you all very much for your ongoing support of the school.

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher

EXAM PREPARATION PRESENTATION

FOSBURY FLOP VIDEO



YEAR 10 PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 31ST MARCH 4.15pm – 7.15pm

On Thursday 31st March there will be a consultation evening for Year 10 parents and students. This consultation will be on-line, with a 5-minute time slot for each appointment.

Appointments are open for booking now, can be made 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. Please note that one teacher will cover the three sciences (and will appear under Biology); and if your son or daughter is studying Statistics, this will be covered by their Maths teacher.

PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS

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.

As you will know from parents' evenings in previous years, we always have a member of our Senior Leadership Team available should you have any additional questions or concerns you wish to raise. In order to continue to provide you with that opportunity during virtual meetings, one of the Senior Team will be on Zoom for the duration of Parents Evening.

Should you wish to speak to them between 4:15 and 7:15pm, please follow the link:

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

Meeting ID: 849 1067 6922

Passcode: X0176w

This link is only if you wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, it will not take you to your child's teachers.

Having started Zoom, you will then go into the Waiting Room and will be admitted as soon as possible. Please note that there may be a few minutes wait while in the Waiting Room as there may already be another parent present (only one set of parents will be 'admitted' at any time).

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

We look forward to seeing you.

Mrs S Crisford

Assistant Headteacher (Student Support)

YEAR 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 and clicking on Parents - Reports, or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

[Please click here for our Guidance to Grading document.](#)

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager



SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE



GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Recently a significant number of our Year 9, 10, and 11 Maths students participated in the Senior Maths Challenge. As usual our students did very well and 59 students received either a Gold, Silver or Bronze award. Nine students did exceptionally well, qualifying for the Kangaroo follow-on rounds to the Intermediate Maths Challenge. Six of our Year 10 and 11 students qualified for the Pink Kangaroo and three Year 9 students qualified for the Grey Kangaroo, which they completed on 17th March; we are eagerly awaiting their results. In the Intermediate Maths Challenge, James Harper in Year 11 achieved Best in School, Austin Kafori Best in Year 10 and Joshua Colyer Best in Year 9. We as a Maths department are extremely proud to offer our students these enrichment opportunities and are equally proud of their excellent achievements in these competitions.

In the pictures are some of our award winners.

Mr J Langenhoven, Teacher of Maths



AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK



29TH MARCH to 3 APRIL

As part of Autism Acceptance Week, the school will be holding two assemblies for all children on Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st March. The assemblies will consist of showing some short films and a Powerpoint presentation on autism. If you have any concerns about your child attending these assemblies, please contact the Learning Support Office via office@furzeplatt.com.





**MAIDENHEAD
FOR UKRAINE**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity – the first picture shows the initial drop offs to our Sports Hall; items kept arriving and your kind donations filled one of our school buses!

Thank you to everyone who helped via donating, transporting, packing or delivering.



'Teachers' subject knowledge is particularly strong. Most teachers are subject specialists.'

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LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

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FRENCH

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3

- Elisa Breen
- Finlay Briggs
- Oliwia Drozdowska
- Jenson Jones
- Filip Kocikowski
- Milly Magreehan
- Sian McCallion
- Xanthea Owen
- William Rees
- Scarlett Stevens
- Mia Hobden
- Tiana Mponela

- Jack Lampars
- Scarlett Hill
- Ella-Rose Collins
- Elenia Reina

KS4

- Charlotte Barrons
- Sathya
- Sathananthalingam
- Naizel De Souza
- Laura Harrit

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GERMAN

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3	Oscar Tisshaw
Iona Latham-Brash	Matej Sutton
Ellie McCaffery	Daniel Gibbon
Oliver Murray	
Emre Satchan	
Sam Jones	
Owen Lattimer	KS4
Kave Rafique	Clarissa Brewer
Will Spinks	Camelia Ionel
Jack Coombes-Clarke	Raahi Singh
Noah Nutbrown	Karim Anabtawi
Elyza Tirmizi	Matthew Godwin
Fabien Mormech	Declan Pinto
Ethan Clements	Katie Langford
Billy McCabe	Jamie Motion
Quenisha De Abreu	Lauren Rangel
Durusah Gulmez	Sian Tucker
Sophie Rayner	Olivia Wojas

SPANISH

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3	KS4
Ali El Guoshi	Holly Bray
Stephanie Gibbs	Bibora Fekete
James Maher	Mason McArthur
Ben Crawcour	Januki De Alwis
Ruby Kielty	Ella Stevenson
Oscar Mastrilli	Brooke Stevens
Bradley Fulafec	Kieran King
Savannah Lu	Laura Mekla
Milen Reehal	Noah Drew
Hasan Ajaib	
Jimi Cox	
Freya Stevenson	

‘All pupils spoken to enjoyed school and showed pride in being part of the school community.’

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INSECT HOUSES

Written by Oliwia Drozdowska (Year 7)
and Fred Fletcher (Year 9)

The eco committee, with the help of Mrs Hawkins (Head of Technology), has been working hard over the last few weeks on building insect houses for our newly planted woodland area. We have been constructing these houses in order to increase biodiversity within the school site, to provide insects with a great place to live as well as to teach our community more about nature. The filling of our houses contains sticks/bark/stones from the school site to provide the insects with a natural place to live. We have really enjoyed this project and we can't wait to do another project to help our community become more eco-friendly!



GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

25th March – 10th April 2022

Students will be taking part in this during form time over the next two weeks.

**THE GREAT
BRITISH
SPRING
CLEAN
2022**



25 MARCH - 10 APRIL 2022



This Spring, join Keep Britain Tidy as the Great British Spring Clean returns for its seventh year.

Taking place from **25 March - 10 April 2022**, this year our message is simple: join our #BigBagChallenge and pledge to pick up as much litter as you can.

Last year, people up and down the country came together to clean up a million miles of our great outdoors, and proved that when hundreds of thousands of #LitterHeroes all join forces and take the same action at the same time, the difference we can make is huge.

Every act to protect the environment, no matter how small, makes a difference - a difference to our planet, to the wildlife that we share it with, to our communities, and to our own health and well-being.

Go to keepbritaintidy.org and pledge now.

BENEFITS OF GETTING INVOLVED

98% agreed that it reduces the impact of litter on wildlife and the natural environment

91% felt more pride in their local area

86% agreed that it helped to improve their mood

52% said that it helped them to meet new people and make friends

In 2021, 56% of participants said that taking part helped them to feel more active



WILD SL6

wildflower workshops

WildSL6 is a local wildlife and conservation group run by young adults giving opportunities to young people in the SL6 area to volunteer in environmental projects.

We are working with the students and teachers of Furze Platt Senior School to run a series of Wildflower Workshops where we will teach students how to plant a wildflower meadow to create the school's first wild garden!

Join us on the 1st, 4th & 7th April at 3:30-4:30pm. No previous knowledge or experience required - just enthusiasm!

We will provide all the tools and equipment, but we recommend wearing clothes you don't mind getting dirty!

For more information, please contact Emily Holmes, emily.holmes@furzeplatt.net

To find out more about WildSL6, visit our website:

<https://wildsl6.wixsite.com/wildsl6>



FURZE PLATT'S ECO SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG AWARD

FPSS Garden Design Competition

FPSS Eco-committee have been working hard on targets in order to achieve their Eco School's Green Flag Award. Most recently they have been preparing a piece of land on the school site which they hope all students will be able to access in the future, both as a learning resource but also as a reflective area with sensory elements. So far they have planted trees to establish a woodland area and soon they will be sowing the seeds for a wildflower meadow.

This is where you come in! We are asking as many students as possible to get involved in designing further features within this special garden to promote biodiversity within the school grounds and to provide a beneficial area that all students can access.

If you are eager to get involved and want to submit a garden design please speak to Miss Holmes in Art 2 for a template and specifications including information on our budget. Deadline for designs will be Friday 8th April.



Careers Talks

Future talks will include careers in Estate Agency, Nursing, Physiotherapy and Law.

If any parent would like to offer to give a careers talk to our students, please do get in touch.

Judith Bubb, Careers Leader judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net

INVITATIONS TO CLUBS FOR TERM 4

Bookings for Term 4 Clubs

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations to attend Term 4 clubs for their son/daughter. The email was 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.

My EVOLVE

You may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc – you can do this from any of the club emails sent to you in two easy steps: 1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs 2. Click 'create account' button at the top of your screen.

[LINK TO NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS LIST](#)



CAREERS IN MARKETING TALK

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL 3.15-4pm

We are delighted to announce a range of upcoming Careers Talks.

The first talk will be about Careers in Marketing, by Audrey Hayes from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, Cookham, on Wednesday 6th April from 3.15pm-4pm.

Please do book your son / daughter in via EVOLVE through the original booking link as soon as possible – we expect these talks to be very popular and they are open to all year groups.



MOTHERS' DAY GOODIES FROM OUR CAFE

There was an eye catching range of glorious flowery and delicious cupcakes in our café for students to purchase today...did any cakes make it home...?!



CATERING ASSISTANT

TERM TIME ONLY

Our friendly café team are looking to hire a Catering Assistant.

8am – 3pm Monday – Friday term time only £9.50 per hour.

[CATERING ASSISTANT](#)



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If you do, please could you change your shortcut to:

Amazon Smile - <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

use the same password and login details and choose **Furze Platt Senior School Ptfa** as your charity.

Can I use my existing Amazon.co.uk account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on amazon.co.uk and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

But remember, only purchases at smile.amazon.co.uk (not www.amazon.co.uk) support charities.

WIN £200

COMING SOON – the APRIL PRIZE DRAW of £200 each for 3 lucky winners of the 200 CLUB. If you are not in it to win it - set up your standing order £5 = one entry (less than 2 takeaway coffees a month). Please follow the links:

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

200 CLUB

**Winning numbers
for our next draw**



You've got to be in it to win it!

Contact us

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

Website: [click here to access](#)

Charity Number 287878

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

To Buy and Donate

Please donate your clean and wearable PE Kit and uniform (please leave at Reception). Also available to buy.



Donations Welcome!



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INTERNSHIPS



Are you an undergraduate who is interested in finding out how exciting it is to be a teacher of Maths, Physics or Computing?

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?

Then please read on

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CURRENT VACANCIES

Teach Maidenhead is a firmly established teacher training provider consisting of five secondary schools located to the West of London. **We are looking for undergraduates in their first, second, third or fourth year studying maths, physics and computing related subjects** who are interested in training to teach upon completion of their degrees.

We are offering a three 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, Physics and Computing 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 13th June 2022 for three weeks and we will offer interns an amount of £300 a week upon completion of the internship.

For further information and an application form go to www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk or www.furzeplatt.com

Learning Mentor

Start Date: Monday 25th April 2022

Permanent, Part time, 32.5 hours a week, start time 8.30am, finish time 3.30pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only
Actual salary £18,000 - £19,500pa depending on experience

Furze Platt is a highly successful mixed comprehensive school serving the children of Maidenhead. At Furze Platt, 1400 students 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 an enthusiastic and reliable individual to join our Raising Achievement team and support the progress and development of our students through high quality academic mentoring. This will involve the provision of personalised support either one-to-one or in small groups for students at Key Stage 3 and GCSE.

You will:

- Work with the Raising Achievement Manager and subject teachers to devise and deliver appropriate support packages for students to help them with revision or subject specific catch-up work
- Provide students with strategies to help them with confidence building and improvement of organisational and time management skills.
- Be a listening ear for individual students and help them resolve any issues that are creating barriers to learning.

We are looking for a team player, with a willingness to acquire an understanding of the educational objectives and ethos of the school. You should be able to build positive and supportive relationships with students and have the confidence to communicate with staff, students and parents/carers. If you enjoy working in an environment where no two days are the same, then we would love to hear from you.

For further information about this role and to complete a **Support Staff Application Form** please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com. Application forms should be returned to Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Closing date: Monday 28th March 2022 at 9.00am
Interviews will take place: week commencing 28th March 2022

CURRENT VACANCIES

Learning Support Assistants To start asap

Permanent, 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

Salary Scale 2c - Actual salary £13,670 - £13,950pa (pay award pending) depending on experience

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

You would be working under the direction of classroom teachers and, in line with any agreed special needs and other specialist plans, to provide support to individual students in the completion of a wide range of learning activities at all key stages. Supporting small groups of students for interventions and mentoring nominated students is also a part of this role. 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 team players, who can 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. We would love to receive applications from anyone who is working with or has worked with students in a school setting and gained experience or knowledge of SEN (Special Educational Needs) or ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).

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Closing date: Monday 14th March
Interviews will take place as suitable applicants apply

CURRENT VACANCIES



Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chairman's Internship Scheme

We want you to join our team this Summer

We're seeking motivated young people to take part in our new internship scheme over the summer.

During the 5-6 week programme, you will receive:

- **Paid internship** – interns will receive a salary of £8/hour.
- Skills workshops and sessions to support **career development**
- Valuable **real-world** work experience with skills you can take wherever you want to go in the future.
- **Flexible** working arrangements and tailored support.

To apply, you must

Live in Royal Berkshire, be between the ages of **16 and 18** and be from an ethnic group that is **under-represented** in RBFRS.

Applications open Monday, 28 March 2022

Find out more and apply online at rbfrs.co.uk

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