

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #66.12



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Geography Field Trips

Members of our community will have spotted our Year 11 students around Maidenhead working on their Geography field work this week. Approaching and speaking to members of the public can be daunting and I would like to thank all those who have spoken to and helped our students.



COVID-19

We continue to have a higher-than-normal staff absence with COVID-19 still prevalent within our community. This is resulting in more cover lessons than normal. We have (just) managed this week to ensure all lessons had teachers. Please play your part in protecting our community by keeping students off school if they have symptoms.

Litter Picking

It has been great to see students taking responsibility for the site each morning this week. As part of an environmental House challenge students have been collecting litter and I would like to commend them on their efforts. Even better still would be for no one to drop any litter in the first place!

Sixth Form Drama Assessment

Many congratulations to those students who took part in the A Level Drama Assessment this week. Unfortunately, I could not make the performance but I understand it was a great success.

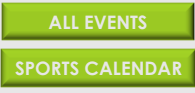
ACHIEVE Values in Action

You may have seen a post on Facebook yesterday from Karandeep Kay about one of our students:


“Hi, hoping the power of MGG can help me. I’m looking for the parent of a Furze Platt Senior School student. On



UPCOMING EVENTS



Next week (Week 2)

WED 6 APRIL	Spring Concert  7.30pm
WED 6 APRIL	Sixth Form Photographs
FRI 8 APRIL	END OF TERM 4 (12.30pm finish)
SAT 9 - THU 17 APRIL	Ski Trip

Forthcoming Events

MON 11 - FRI 22 APRIL	Easter Holiday
MON 25 APRIL	START OF TERM 5

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22 & 2022/2023

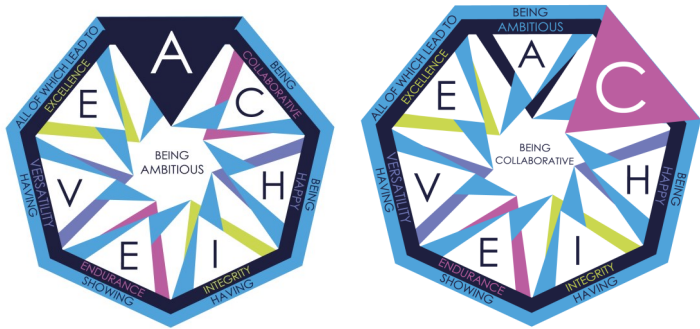
Monday around 3.45 my mum got very lost and found herself by Furze Platt Senior school. There was a boy outside who was so helpful. He tried helping with directions and then took her to the school reception. We really appreciated his help and I have just left him a box of chocolates in reception to say thanks. The school weren't sure how they would find out who he was so in case that's your son, please tell him to get his chocolates! And please pass on our thanks to him. My mum kept talking about how he tried to help her. The only other piece of information we have is that he was picked up by a dark red car about 4pm. Thank you!"

The student in question was **Dominik Kedziora** in **Year 11** – well done to him for his actions which displayed so many of our ACHIEVE values, and thank you to the family for publicising this. It is always lovely to hear such news.

Finally, Ramadan Mubarak to those members of our community observing Ramadan in the next month.

Take care,

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



END OF TERM EARLY FINISH

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL

Students will finish school at 12.30pm next Friday, 8th April.

SKI TRIP TO GRANDVALIRA, ANDORRA

SATURDAY 1ST – SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 2023

Deadline for deposit payments: Friday 29th April 12pm

After the success of previous year's trips we will again be travelling with Interski. However, for 2023 we are switching to a different mountain range (The Pyrenees) and a new country (Andorra).

For full details of our Ski Trip 2023 please see the attached letter.

Mr J Sheppard, 2023 Ski Trip Co-Ordinator

james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net

SKI TRIP LETTER

YEAR 10 BASKETBALL TEAM WIN 30-18

After a narrow loss against a very strong Holyport College team last week (which contained a number of Year 11 students), our Year 10 Furze Platt basketball team bounced back with a terrific victory against Cox Green (30-18). The boys were fantastic! They were competitive, skillful, and collaborative, working hard for each other and showing great friendship.

They were also very gracious in victory and the game was played in great spirit and with excellent shooting, dribbling, footwork and passing by Furze Platt. The team is really managed by the players themselves, in particular Rashaad Derby as captain. There is no doubt that Rashaad promotes a team of leaders, and this was very evident.

Our next fixture is against Desborough College next week.

YEAR 13 CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to Oscar Blin, Arun Blundell, Lennon Davis, and Ben Sheppard (all Year 13) on their recent success in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Olympiad competition. Designed to challenge and inspire, the UK Chemistry Olympiad is a unique

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FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

SPRING CONCERT

2022

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WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

The Performing Arts Department would like to invite you to Furze Platt's Spring Concert 2022, which will be held on Wednesday 6th April in our Theatre.

All our talented school ensembles will be involved and the event will feature choirs, groups, soloists, musicians and orchestras. The concert will be based on the theme 'Screen and Stage' and will showcase music from a variety of films and musicals.

The concert will start at 7:30pm; tickets are available to purchase now for £3 each until 12pm on Wednesday 6th April via your Parentmail account. Details can be found in the 'shop' section under the payments tab.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss R Bailey, Teacher of Music

opportunity for students to push themselves further and excel in the Chemistry field. Budding chemists develop their critical problem-solving skills, learn to think more creatively and get a chance to test their knowledge in new, real-world situations.

This year's problems included questions on the chemistry of lateral flow tests of COVID-19, how we can improve the stability of vaccines so they can be stored more easily, and the recent change in standard petrol grade at fuel pumps from E5 to E10 petrol.

The RSC Olympiad runs every year for Chemistry students in Year 13. Current Year 12 students will be able to sign up in the coming Autumn term.



Pictured: Oscar and Lennon



Pictured: Ben and Arun

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

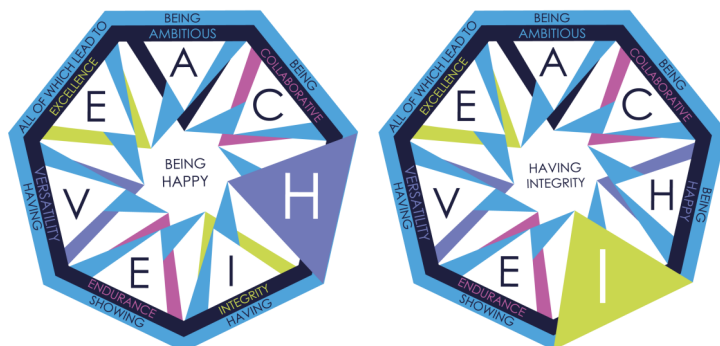
Achievement Manager) and I look forward to seeing you in person.

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



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.

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

LINK TO NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS LIST



Do you or your business use Amazon?

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

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/fpsptfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa)

Website: [click here to access](#)

Charity Number 287878

entry (less than 2 takeaway coffees a month). Please follow the links:

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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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



WILDSL6

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>





www.nordenfarm.org



YOUTH THEATRE

LED BY



WEDNESDAY

Junior Youth Theatre

Ages 7-11 Years

4.55-5.55pm

Senior Youth Theatre

Ages 12-16 Years

6.00-7.30pm

Summer Term Starts

4TH

May 2022

for more information visit the
website & click 'Norden Farm'

www.littletanks.co.uk

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

In partnership with the
Institute of Education



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@TeachMaidenhead

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 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

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 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.

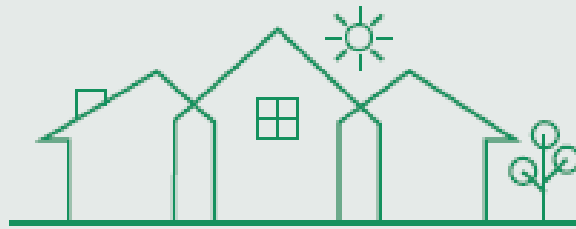
We are looking for team players, who can communicate sensitively and confidently with staff, students and parents. This role would suit someone who is able to use their own initiative and who has strong organisational and time management skills. We would love to receive applications from anyone who is 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).

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 14th March
Interviews will take place as suitable applicants apply

CURRENT VACANCIES



Cookhams Footprint

Taking energy saving steps together

LET'S TACKLE THIS TOGETHER, NOW!

01

Join Cookhams Footprint to get and share ideas
Go to our Facebook page

02

Save up to £500 now!
You can find a Top 10 actions to choose from in Facebook (and flip over for 5). And share your tip(s) on how we can all save 25p or more per week

03

Involve your business, community group, friends, neighbours

04

Volunteer to help Cookhams Footprint

Cookham people make great things happen

ABOUT US

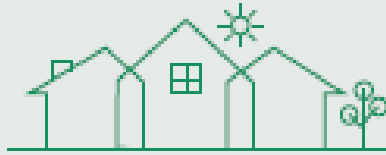
A group of local volunteers has come together to help create a more sustainable life in the Cookhams. That's imperative if we are to protect our wellbeing, environment and future generations. The initial focus is on helping all local residents to reduce energy use to save money and on looking at more locally-generated power.

We welcome ideas, enthusiasts, experts, suppliers, volunteers and residents. Together we aim to build a greener and energy cost-efficient community, working together to share ideas and success.

Let's take energy saving steps together

Contact us at cookhamsfootprint@gmail.com

Find out a lot more on Facebook
[@CookhamsFootprint](https://www.facebook.com/CookhamsFootprint)



Cookhams Footprint

Taking energy saving steps together

CHOOSE YOUR TOP 3
ENERGY SAVING ACTIONS PER YEAR
YOU CAN SAVE UP TO £500!

01
- 1°C £100

TURN DOWN CENTRAL HEATING
FOR EACH DEGREE.

(IF GREATER THAN 18°C)

REDUCE CENTRAL HEATING
BY 30 MINUTES PER DAY.

JUST 15 MINUTES AT EACH
END OF THE DAY.

02

- 30 Min £150

TURN RADIATORS DOWN IN ROOMS
WHICH ARE NOT USED.

WHEN DID YOU LAST USE THE
SPARE ROOM? OR A ROOM YOU ARE
NOT IN MUCH DURING THE DAY?

03
- Wasted Heat £100

ONE MINUTE A DAY LESS IN
THE SHOWER
FOR EACH FAMILY OF 4
MEMBERS ON METERED WATER

04

- 1 Min £45

ONE LESS
SHOWER / WEEK / FAMILY
ON METERED WATER

BATH - £100 SHOWER - £40

05
- 1 Bath per week £100