

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

2022 Examinations

In recent weeks, the government has once again made clear their determination to hold examinations this summer for the first time since 2019. I shared this information with students in my recent assemblies. Likewise, teachers have been preparing students for these important examinations. This includes changes to the exams in the light of the pandemic, more of which will be known in February.



Please encourage your children to be ready for their exams. At this point in the year students should be creating revision materials and revising content, as well as practising examination skills.

Year 11 PPEs (Mocks)

Next week Year 11 students have the chance to show the impact of their revision and the work we have been doing on study skills as they sit their second round of PPEs. I am sure that the next week will be busy and I would like to thank FPSS staff and our Year 11 families for their work supporting our students. Good luck to all involved!

Year 9 Parents Evenings

Thank you to all the parents and guardians of F Band students who attended Parents Evening on Thursday. It is lovely that so many of you want to learn more about your child's progress and how you can support them. We look forward to meeting P Band next week.

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next week (week 2)

THU 20
JANUARY

Year 9P Parents' and Students'
Virtual Consultation Evening

4.15pm-7.15pm

Forthcoming Events

WED 26
JANUARY

Year 11 Photos

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22 & 2022/2023



**SIXTH FORM
ADMISSIONS FOR
SEPTEMBER 2022
ENTRY CLOSE AT
9AM ON MONDAY
17TH JANUARY**

CHANGES TO BREAK TIMINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

In order to accommodate our Year 11 Pre-Public Exams, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, Break 2 will be an hour earlier than usual.

Break 2 will therefore run from 12:45-1.15pm, with Period 4 running from 1.15pm-2.15pm. The rest of the day remains unchanged.

Timings on Wednesday will be the same as normal for the whole day.

YEAR 9P PARENTS AND CARERS CONSULTATION EVENING

On Thursday 20th January there will be a consultation evening for Year 9P parents and students.

Due to current social distancing measures these events will be held virtually. Appointments with our Science department will be covered by one teacher under Biology for all three subjects.

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Appointment slots for 9P students only are available now; we advise you to book as soon as possible as appointments are likely to book up quickly.

PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS

To identify if your child is in P band please look at their timetable either in their planner or on Go4Schools. You will notice underneath the subject and teacher name is a code, ie 9P/En3. This indicates the student is in Year 9, Band P.

To book (and for full instructions) either follow the link below or go to the Parents' Evening Bookings link under 'News & Events' on the school website. Appointments are booked online and are available from 4.15pm until 7.15pm (please note the last appointment is at 7.10pm).

If you need any help booking appointments for this Year 9P parents' evening please contact 01628 625308.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mrs S Crisford

Assistant Headteacher (Student Support)

YEAR 11 - HOW TO REVISE SESSIONS

The Raising Achievement Department has been into every PSHE lesson over the past two weeks to deliver a session on 'How to Revise'. This has given every Year 11 student the opportunity to walk and talk through a revision session, from highlighting key words to producing a mind-map or cue card through to checking their learning with questions. If you would like to find out more, the PowerPoint presentation used is attached – the link below also shows a video which can be used for students who may have missed the session or for any parent/carers who want to know more.

HOW TO REVISE VIDEO

HOW TO REVISE PRESENTATION

Mrs D Feather, Raising Achievement Manager

FURZE PLATT'S SPORTING SUCCESSES

We have had an excellent start to our term with a number of impressive sporting wins – well done to everyone involved!

Year 7 Boys' Football

Our Year 7 Boys' Football Team won 4-3 against Holyport College in their first ever game for Furze Platt, battling back to win after conceding two early goals to



make a very exciting match. Our goals were scored by Luke Wise (1), Alfie Everson-Plant (2) and Oliver Murray. James Balfe had a fantastic game, making several key tackles and was the player of the match.

Our Team

James Balfe	Oscar Menzies
Nicholas Brati	Oliver Murray
Finlay Briggs	Luke Rice
Alex Davison	Leo Russell
Alfie Everson-Plant	Ethan Sheikh
Ethan Heywood	Ethan Terry
Mohid Khurram	Luke Wise

Year 8 Girls' Hockey



Great result by our Year 8 Girls' Hockey team against schools in Ascot, beating Charters School 6-0 and then the Marist School 4-1. Brilliant teamwork ensured dominating performances by the Furze Platt girls throughout.

Our Team

Anna Cook	Evie Rowe
Bethan Hill	Darcy Veazey
Jigeesha Mamidala	Zuzanna Piankowska

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Year 10 Boys' Football

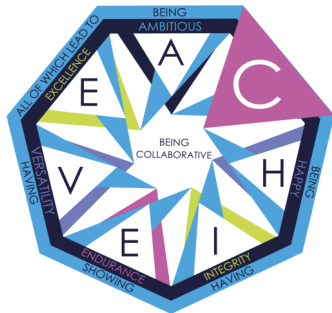
Our Year 10 boys won the first round of the Football County Cup with an amazing 12-0 score – a fantastic achievement. The boys played phenomenally throughout, working as a very strong team, putting in maximum effort levels and showcasing their amazing footballing abilities. To celebrate on the bus ride home the boys gave a very happy rendition of Wonderwall by Oasis – next stop round two of the Cup!



Our Team

Freddie Astrup-McGuiness
Jayden Taylor
Nicolai Harrit
Luke Maddox
Louis Mormech
Callum Brenan
Eric Bayod
Josh Parrot

Lennon Moore
Jake Coomes
Jack Britton
Max Bayod
Jude Rosten
Isaac Cozens
Josh Lawrence
Reece Ovens



LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

FRENCH

Linguists of the Fortnight

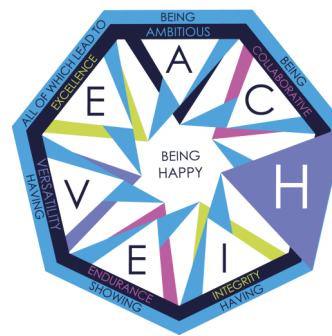
KS3	
Abigail Downes	Emma Bunn
Oscar Menzies	James Wilkinson
Samuel Patton	Lizzie Dilley
Emil Szczechowicz	Misty Fernandes
Tori Patton	Divhyadharshini
Joey Holmden	Vishnukumar
Sparsh Bodade	Amber Holbrook
Leo Tobil	Luc Colyer
Jaden Brown	
Edward Preston	KS4
Natalie Darmon	George Powell
	Jade Winsor

GERMAN

Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3	
Allan Apcio	Lara Holuss
George Hopkins	Fabien Mormech
Sophia Fletcher	Billy McCabe
Sam Jones	William Couling
Lia Bunn	Jamie Metcalfe
James Kinrade	Kacper Wrobel
Alive Setlhoke	Jack Osborne
	Hugo Fleck-McGrath
	Sophie Rayner

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GCSEPod WEBINARS

You are invited to attend a 30 minute online webinar on a choice of dates hosted by GCSEPod - details below:

These will cover an introduction to GCSEPod and discussion of these topics:

- Forgetting – Why do we forget and how does this help us remember? How can GCSEPod help us remember more?
- Procrastinating – Should we procrastinate and how does this help us learn? How can GCSEPod turn procrastination into productivity?
- Failing – Is failing bad and how does it help us succeed?

Book for 18th Jan @ 9am

Book for 19th Jan @ 5pm

HEAD OF BISHAM HOUSE MR ANDREW WYLES



Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to write to you to introduce myself as the new Head of Bisham House.

I am very much looking forward to leading Bisham House and providing all members of the Bisham House community with the support and the challenge they need to reach their potential. Whilst the first point of contact for parents and



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carers will remain your child's/children's tutor, I am committed to being accessible and responsive to parental and carer questions and concerns. Bisham will continue be a school within a school, and a community within a community, ensuring that all students are known and supported. I will be spending time getting to know the students in Bisham House, but also recognise the importance of building positive working relationships with all parents and carers. In my first assembly, I spoke to the students about my high expectations, my high standards, and my conviction to provide both support and challenge for all students across the different year groups, as well as a certainty of consequence for all positive and negative behaviours. This term, I have asked the students to focus on their Ambition, Collaboration and Integrity out of the school ACHIEVE values. I would be very grateful if you could join me in promoting these virtues.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wyles

andrew.wyles@furzeplatt.net



THEATRE TECHNICIAN VACANCY

Are you a Theatre Technician? Do you know any Theatre Technicians? Or are you interested in learning how to be a Theatre Technician for our Theatre?

COME AND WORK WITH US - CHECK OUT OUR CURRENT VACANCIES TODAY!

Furze Platt Senior School is looking for people who can work on an ad hoc basis in our fantastic new theatre, providing technical support to productions.

We're searching for experienced Senior Technicians and Assistants who can learn how to use our state-of-the-art light and sound facilities.

So, if you know someone who already has experience in technical theatre, or is from an electrical background, or you

are interested in finding out how to work a light and sound desk, in the first instance, please email Marissa.holden@furzeplatt.net to express your interest – with the reference: Furze Platt Theatre Technicians. **Please note we will separately contact students about technical theatre opportunities.**

Mrs M Holden, Theatre Manager



INVITATIONS TO CLUBS

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.

Please note:

* all bookings for this term must be made through the original email invitation (sent out Friday 17th December); more clubs may be added to this invitation next term but all bookings need to be made through this email

New Clubs:



DRAMA CLUB on Wednesdays (Years 7 and 8) – students can attend every week this term

CHESS CLUB on Thursdays (all year groups)

LINK TO NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS LIST



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

I am delighted to let you know we now have finalised the expedition dates for the DofE and will be reopening the registration process for those currently not enrolled.

BXM will be delivering expeditions on the dates below (Mr Ging has already given permission for students to do their expedition during the school term and I will forward an authorised absence form for those wishing to take part):

Practice expedition: Sunday 6th - Thursday 10th March 2022

Assessment expedition: Monday 4th - Friday 8th July 2022

As they are taking place during the school term, they will take place locally eg around Chiltern Hills.

I am sure students have all being doing activities that will count towards their physical, skill and volunteering sections, therefore anyone wishing to enrol can backdate activities to the 1st September 2021.

There will be an information evening on Teams on Thursday 20th January between 6-7pm for students and parents. Liz Thornton-Harwood from DofE and Leigh Rose from BXM will be in attendance and we will provide all the information needed for students to enrol and successfully complete their Gold award. Please click the link below to join the meeting.

We already have a number of Sixth Form students enrolled on the Gold Award and we would love to extend this

MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

opportunity to those who have expressed an interest but missed the original deadline.

If students wish to discuss their award with me I can be found in the portacabin or Gen3 during break times, or please send me an email: Desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net

Regards,

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager

VEGANUARY AT FURZE PLATT

Our café staff prepared a range of delicious vegan

NATURALLY VIVA VEGAN & VEGETARIAN

MONDAY 17TH
Vegetable & Mixed Bean Bolognese Pasta
With Garlic Bread - FSM Meal Rate
Falafel, Roasted Pepper & Lemon Mayo Wrap - £2.20

TUESDAY 18TH
Tofu, Vegetable & Soya Bean Spring Roll - FSM Meal Rate
Lemon Drizzle Cake - £1.00

WEDNESDAY 19TH
Roasted Vegetable, Basil & Cheese Ciabatta - £2.25
Vegan Brownie - £1.00

THURSDAY 20TH
Smokey BBQ Oumpph - FSM Meal Rate
Vegan Chocolate Cake - £1.00

FRIDAY 21ST
Tandoori Cauliflower Burger
With Minted Mayo Slaw - FSM Meal Rate
Tomato & Basil Pasta - £1.80 / £1.20

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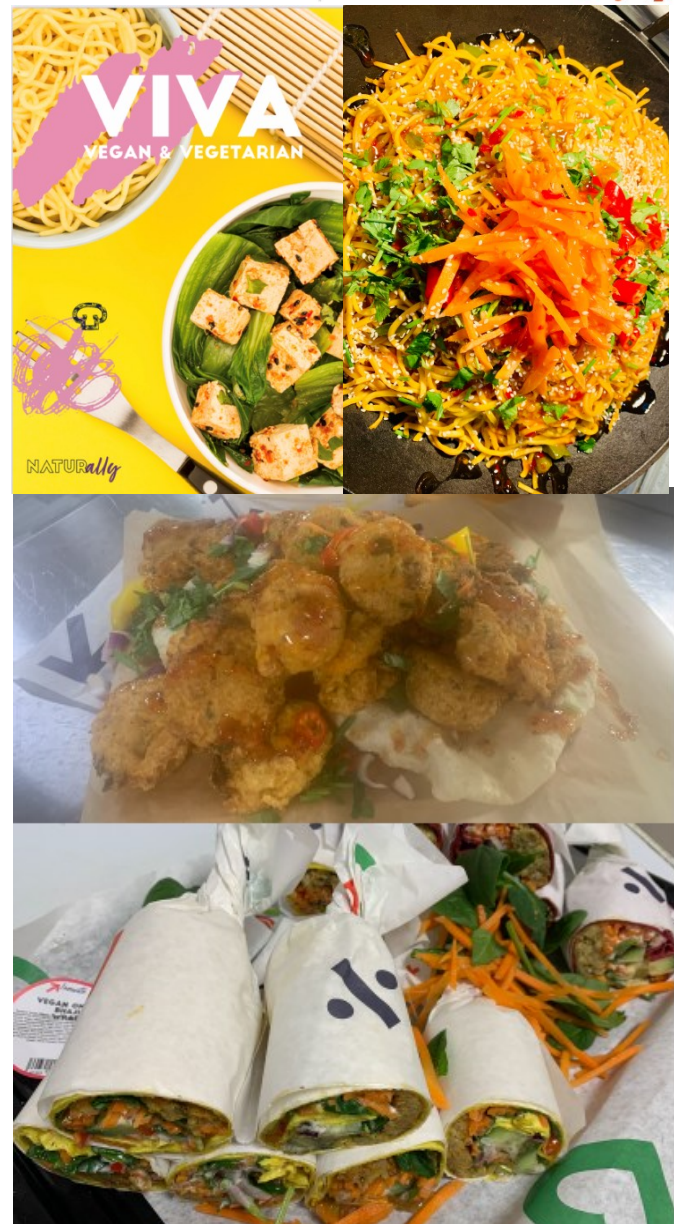
MONDAY 24TH
Spicy Oumpph Burrito - £2.35
Vegan Pizza "Italiano" - £1.35

TUESDAY 25TH
Chickpea, Squash & Spinach Balti - FSM Meal Rate
Vegan Brownie - £1.00

WEDNESDAY 26TH
Onion Bhaji, Mango Chutney Wrap - £2.20
Sticky Toffee Pudding - £1.40

THURSDAY 27TH
Mexican Bean Salad with
Tortilla Croutons - £2.50
Black Forest Brownie - £1.00

FRIDAY 28TH
Falafel, Slaw & Hummus Pitta - £2.50
Smoked Harissa Hummus, Avocado
& Spring Onion Wrap - £2.20





**Parents, Teachers
& Friends
Association**



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

[Contact us](#)

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Website: [click here to access](#)

GETTING BACK INTO A ROUTINE

PTFA MEETING AND 200 CLUB DRAW – ON ZOOM

Thursday 27TH January 2022
8pm Start

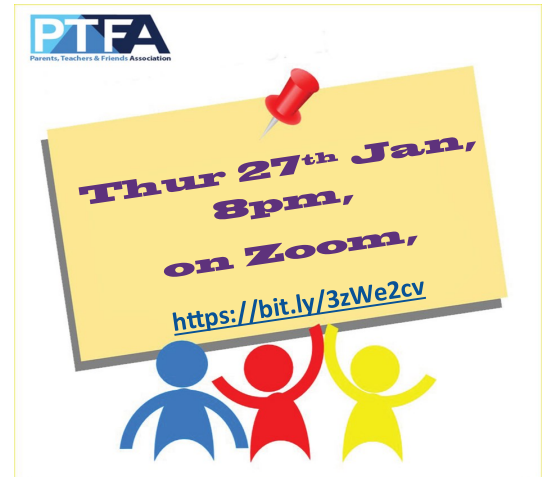
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3zWe2cv>

Meeting ID: 994 0719 6613

Passcode: 81Lrtm

All parents, carers, friends and staff welcome to join us.



We'll discuss fundraising ideas, funding requests, plans ahead and how to achieve them. Plus we'll draw 3 winning numbers 'from the hat' for those members in the 200 Club.

200 CLUB

Winning numbers

for our next draw

Would anyone like a £200 Cash Prize? If so, please join our 200 Club!

To be in the Draw on Thursday 27th January, please join before the 25th

This Club is our primary fundraiser. Here's an overview:

The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash per number.

Your winnings are made by bank transfer very soon after each draw so

there's no hanging around. The PTFA and school could earn £6000+ per year if everyone joined paying £5 per month. You're in control of the payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your energy or phone!) and there's no spam emails either (we haven't got time to send them!). So it's a win win situation and we hope you'll click through here to join:

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

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

FEEDBACK AND IDEAS WELCOME - YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US!



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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

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

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