

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Matilda Jnr



It was great to see and hear our school musical being covered on Radio Berkshire and in the Slough Observer and Maidenhead Advertiser this week:



MAIDENHEAD ADVERTISER ARTICLE

If you are yet to buy a ticket, they are available here:

BOOK TICKETS NOW

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next week (week 1)

TUE 15 - THU 17
FEBRUARY

School Musical

Book now!

FRI 18
FEBRUARY

END OF TERM (TERM 3)

Forthcoming Events

MON 21 - FRI 25
FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

MON 28
FEBRUARY

START OF TERM 4 (Week 1)

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22 & 2022/2023

Year 9 Options

Thanks to all the parents, carers and students who attended Options Evening on Thursday. It was great to see the level of thought and consideration going into the process. I look forward to interviewing students in the weeks to come and hearing the rationale behind their decisions. Parents and carers who could not attend this event can find out more details and how students can choose their options here:



YEAR 9 OPTIONS 2022

Inter-House Sports

Finally, good luck to all our students in Inter-House Sports over the next fortnight. I look forward to seeing some fierce, but sporting, competition.

Take care,

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



LEAVERS' EVENTS AND HOODIES FOR YEAR 11

Leavers' Hoodies * Year 11 Prom * Year 11 Graduation

As our Year 11 students reach the end of their GCSE courses and the end of compulsory education, a number of traditions to mark this time have evolved in recent years. This is to let you know exactly what they are, and enable you to be aware of the financial implications of some of these. The Year 11 hoodies and Prom are not compulsory or obligatory, but in the case of genuine financial hardship, please contact Mrs S Crisford (Assistant Headteacher) at sarah.crisford@furzeplatt.net in confidence so we can ensure that your son/daughter does not miss out.

Leavers' Hoodies – order by Monday 28th February

These should be ordered via your child's ParentMail account, indicating hoodie size and colour (plus nickname if required).

You can find the payment item by going to 'Payments' in the left-hand menu of ParentMail, and then clicking 'Shop' from the bottom menu.

Hoodies cost £25.00, are available in a range of sizes and colours and can be personalised with an acceptable nickname for an additional £5.00. Please note hoodies will be given out in May, exact date to follow.

Year 11 Graduation Ceremony – Wednesday 29th June

Our Year 11s will have a formal graduation ceremony, held at school, to mark the end of their compulsory schooling. Further details will follow in due course.

Year 11 Prom – Thursday 30th June

This will take place at Riverside Marquee, Maidenhead and tickets will cost approximately £35 per head, to include a buffet, disco, and photographs. There will be a professional photographer and photobooth at the event. Students will need to have collected a minimum of 1200 positive points (not overall points) to be able to purchase a ticket. Tickets will be on sale after the Easter holiday. Further details will follow in due course.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish your daughter/son well in their final weeks at school prior to their exams, and hope that the end of year celebrations will be a fitting end to a hardworking year. For students planning to return to the Sixth Form in September, our taster days will take place on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th July. Further details will also follow in due course from Mr P. Ging, Head of Sixth Form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net

Mrs C Johnstone

Marketing, Enrichment and Off-Site Activities Manager

'School leaders are ambitious for the school. They enjoy positive relationships with the rest of the staff and work with them to ensure the success of the school.'

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CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Well done to Frank McGrath (Year 12), Isaac Cozens (Year 10), Sophie McLachlan, Samuel Cranch (both Year 9), Toby Holmes (Year 8), Luke Rice, George Kemp and Gerhard Ueckemann (all Year 7) who competed at the Berkshire Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday 22nd January. All students ran brilliantly and were a real credit to Furze Platt.



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Special congratulations goes to Frank McGrath and Sophie McLachlan who both finished in the top 16 to make through to the Inter County Championships.



'The school is committed to careers education. It aims to ensure that pupils and students are ambitious in their career aspirations, as well as having the versatility to adapt to the modern-day job market.'

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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK MONDAY 7TH – FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week, the following link takes you to the school's National Apprenticeship Week notice board.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK NOTICE BOARD

This will be updated throughout the week with new opportunities, events and speakers as these become available. We hope you find it useful.

Mr A Colmer (Head of Year 12)

Miss L Stirling (Head of Year 13)

YEAR 10 CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Students were invited to take part in our Child Development Baby Simulator Program. This activity requires students to be the sole caretaker of the infant simulator, whose sounds and behaviour replicate those of a real infant. The experience is intended to demonstrate the full-time commitment required for parenting an infant including requiring care throughout the day and night.

Well done to all those who took part; please see below for a very insightful Q&A report.

Baby Simulation Program by Ruby-Jay Pickering

What did you enjoy about the experience?

I found it so fun and I really enjoyed it, I was really sad when it turned off. Believe it or not I actually loved doing the night feeds. I loved taking it to work with me. It was so entertaining to keep feeding it, changing his nappy, burping, rocking him etc.

What did you find hard?

I think trying to find out what he wanted and trying to do it quickly enough was really hard. And trying to remember the timings. And I found that changing him was really hard too because obviously it's a stiff doll and you have to hold its head and be really confident with it at the same time.

Do you think students should be doing this activity; is it useful and worthwhile?

I think it's a great opportunity for students to get a taste of life with a baby. I think it is very useful as it teaches you to hold the head and don't leave its side, we could also learn that having a baby will wake you up in the night and you do have to attend to it.

It also teaches us who to trust and who not to trust while holding your baby. I believe it teaches us that feeding and burping, even cuddling your baby will take time and you have to be patient. Letting students do this experiment can teach them about life skills and if you are going out you still have to take your baby with you because it is your priority.



Pictured: Ruby-Jay Pickering, Emily Dutton and Eugenia Sanchez-Giron Moreno, Year 10



To celebrate the Chinese Year of the Tiger, our café staff created a range of delicious dishes.

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

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



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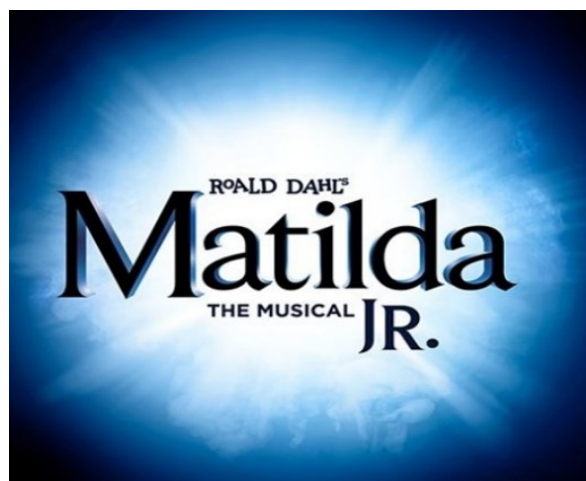
Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th
February

4 helpers per slot, per evening:
6.00pm – 7.30pm – setup, take orders
7.30pm – 8.45pm – serve drinks
8.45pm – 9.45pm – clear up
Email us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

Why not get involved?

Don't be put off if you feel you can't give a huge amount of time;
haven't been asked or are unsure of what's involved...

- We have parents who work part-time and full-time.
- Any time you can give is very much appreciated.
- Having a child at our school means you can join us.
- We can use any skills you have and we'd love to learn new ones from you.
- Being involved is a great way to get to know the school, other parents and potentially your children's House and class mates!



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US ON ZOOM LAST THURSDAY FOR OUR PTFA MEETING.

TEAM

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Funding for Greenpower Club, £1500, was agreed on the night. We are also funding Sport Leaders'

T-shirts £345, Sports Day Medals and Trophy £540, Grand Piano £5000, Year 11 Prom photobooth £345 and many other extra-curricular items that the school budget cannot stretch to.

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



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showed pride in
being part of the
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