



# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #66.7



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

### Matilda Jr

Wow, what a show! Described by one colleague as the best show they had seen in 18 years at FPSS, we have all been entertained by the superb performances of the cast in 'Matilda Jr' this week. The energy from our students was infectious with audiences delighting in the wonderful performances. Many congratulations to the cast and all those teachers who have supported the show, in particular Anna Bradley and the Performing Arts team. A selection of photos are on page 6 of this newsletter.



I would also like to thank all members of our community who packed the Theatre and were so appreciative. To have a show of such a high calibre to open the Theatre was very special; 'Matilda Jr', along with our school's investment in this amazing new venue, shows a commitment to performance and the Arts which is hugely important for our young people. Following the last couple of years, for our students to be able to perform and express themselves as they did this week is incredibly important for their development and growth.

### Jaspal Saundh

Like many members of our community, I was saddened to hear of the sad death of Jaspal in a motor vehicle accident in Cumbria last weekend. Now in his twenties, Jaspal was an ex-FPSS student and I am sure that you will join with me in sending every condolence to his friends and family.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Next week

MON 21 - FRI 25 FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS
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### Forthcoming Events (Term 4)

MON 28 FEBRUARY	START OF TERM 4 (Week 1)
TUES 1 MARCH	Ski Trip Parents' Information Evening 6.30pm - 7.30pm
THU 10 MARCH	Year 8F Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening 4.30pm - 7.00pm
THU 17 MARCH	Year 8P Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening 4.30pm - 7.00pm
THU 24 MARCH	Year 8S Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening 4.30pm - 7.00pm
THU 31 MARCH	Year 10 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening 4.15pm - 7.15pm
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

### Half Term

Finally, thank you for all your support in Term 3. I hope that you have a good Half Term and we look forward to welcoming students back to FPSS on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Take care,

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



## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I was hearing rave reviews about the School's musical 'Matilda Jr' so when I went on Wednesday evening my expectations were set pretty high.

Nevertheless I was still caught by surprise at how brilliantly our students performed and what a great show the school put on. Many congratulations to everyone involved in the production, in whatever capacity, it was a fantastic team effort and really showcased the talent we have at the school. On the refreshments side our hard working PTFA have done a terrific job this week and really help support the school in all their fundraising activities.

Another highlight of the evening for me was the opportunity to catch up with our previous Head Ms White and Deputy Head Glen Bown, as well as former governors and others who had been involved in the building projects of the new English block and Theatre from inception, and see their reaction to the completed works. The generosity of our donors and supporters really helped us to complete the theatre project and it is so good to see our new buildings brought to life and being used for their intended purpose..

This production of Matilda Jr is a shining example of our community working together with and for the benefit of our students.

Our latest 'Meet a Governor' article further on in this newsletter features Lucy Naylor, who is not only a governor but is also Head of Business and Economics and Head of Marlow House at Furze Platt.

Gavin Tisshaw



'Governors and leaders are ambitious for what pupils can achieve academically and how they can develop personally.'

Ofsted 2021

## YEAR 13 REPORTS

The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

SCHOOL REPORTS

## YEAR 11 ENGLISH PPE DATE CHANGE

The Year 11 English PPE which was due to take place today has now been rearranged for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February P4-5.

There will be an early break 2 to accommodate this.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

## YEAR 9 OPTIONS

DEADLINE: MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Please do encourage your son or daughter to fill this in if they have not done so already. **They will need to be logged into their school accounts to access the form.**

More details can be found here about subject choices:

YEAR 9 OPTIONS WEBPAGE

Students can access the Year 9 Options form:

YEAR 9 OPTIONS FORM

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## YEAR 11 HOODIES

### ORDER DEADLINE MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 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. Please note hoodies will be given out in May, exact date to follow.



## INVITATIONS TO CLUBS FOR TERM 4

### Bookings for Term 4 Clubs

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations today to attend Term 4 clubs for their son/daughter. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address [evolve.furzeplattsrvisits@edufocus.co.uk](mailto:evolve.furzeplattsrvisits@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 Term 4 (March-April) must be made through the original email invitations
- \* once in the list of clubs or academic support clinics, click on the name of the activity or session you wish to book, choose the dates and press confirm
- \* please do not duplicate club bookings per session
- \* 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 wishes to be removed from a club completely, 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.

## YEAR 11 PHOTOS

### TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

The deadline to order Year 11 photos has been extended to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.



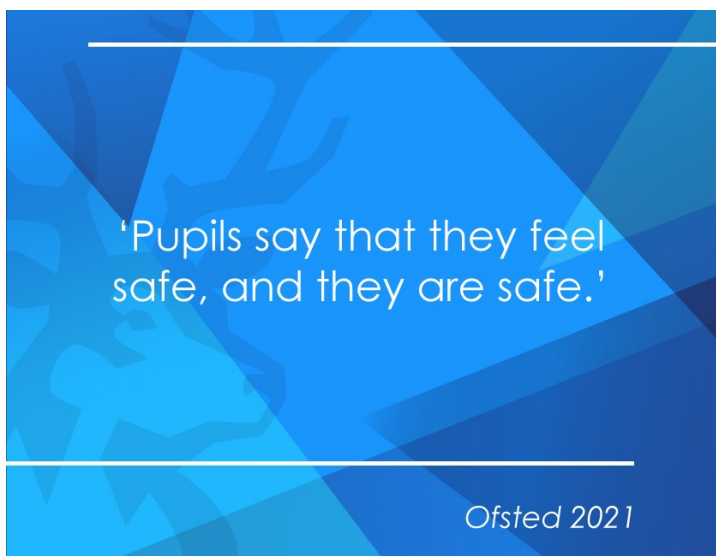
## YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY

### CHANGE TO COURSEWORK DEADLINE

Parents and carers have been sent information on the change of coursework deadline, which is now due at 4pm on Wednesday 2nd March.

If you have any queries please email me: [joe.wellard-jeffs@furzeplatt.net](mailto:joe.wellard-jeffs@furzeplatt.net).

Mr J Wellard-Jeffs, Head of Geography



### Bookings for Fitness Club Years 7,8 & 9

The PE department are thrilled that the Fitness Club is so popular. However in order to ensure it is available for all students and to ensure student safety remains paramount there is a new sign up protocol.

Parents/Carers should acknowledge their child's interest in the club for the term once through the EVOLVE system. They will then receive an email on the Friday before the club to confirm if they have a space for the following week only or not. This confirmation is for the following week only - new emails will be sent each

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Friday. Where students aren't successful there is always an alternative activity for them to participate in during the same time frame and evening.

### 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 TERM'S CLUBS LIST](#)

### MEET A GOVERNOR

LUCY NAYLOR – STAFF GOVERNOR

I am Head of Marlow House and Head of Business and Economics, BTEC and Apprenticeships and now a Staff Governor! I have been working at FPSS for four years and have loved every minute of it. I mainly teach Sixth Form A-level Business, A-level Economics and BTEC Business and have been teaching for 23 years.

Prior to joining Furze Platt I taught in Henley on Thames, Stoke on Trent, Shropshire and Cheshire.

I have been a governor at previous schools so was delighted when the post became vacant.



I am looking forward to seeing our school from a different perspective – particularly at such a challenging time for our country.

Interests away from school include walking my three dogs, watching Liverpool Football Club and spending time with my extended family.

### PARKING REMINDER

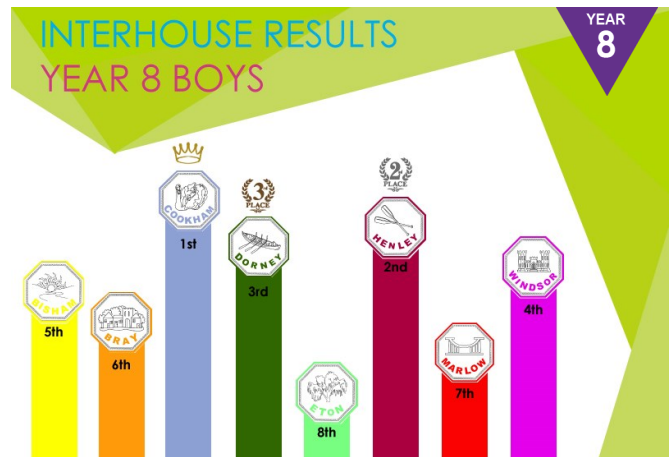
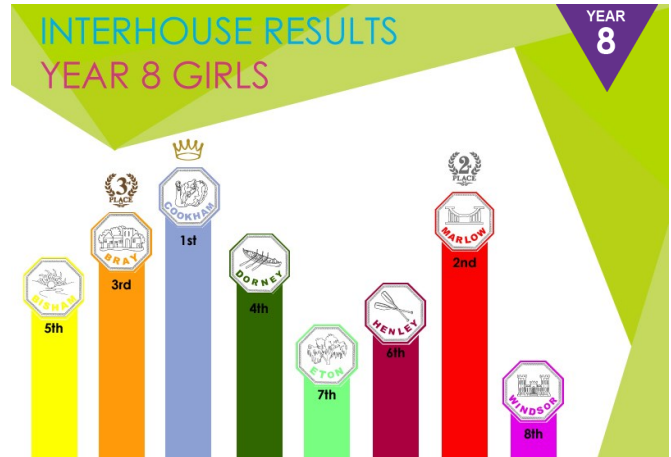
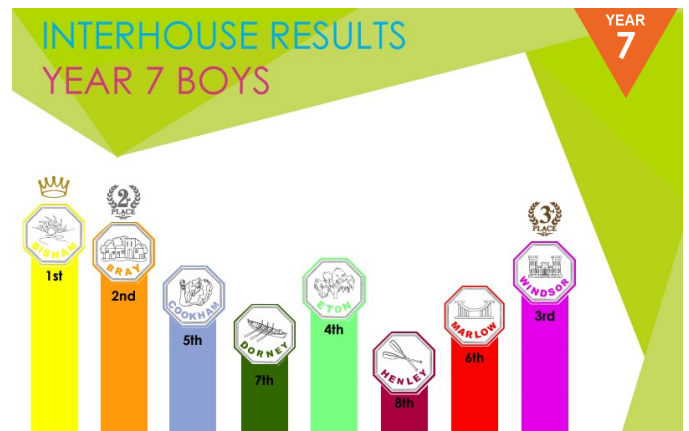
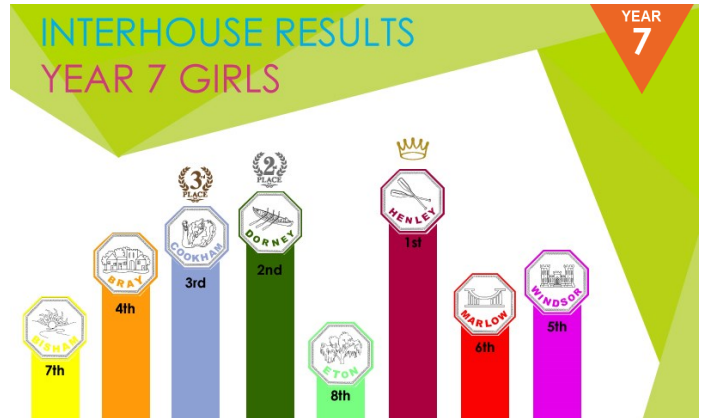
Please can we remind parents and carers to park considerately and in the parking bays outside school (rather than in the surrounding roads) at drop off and collection times.

This will help ensure we continue our valued good relationship with neighbours.

Thank you.

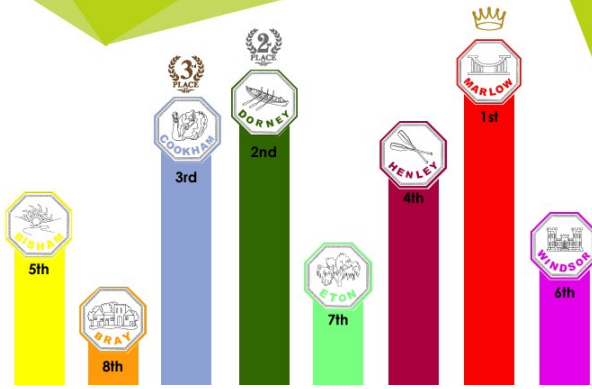
### INTERHOUSE RESULTS

Great results from all competitors...the House points will be added to the Easter End of Term totals!



## INTERHOUSE RESULTS YEAR 9 GIRLS

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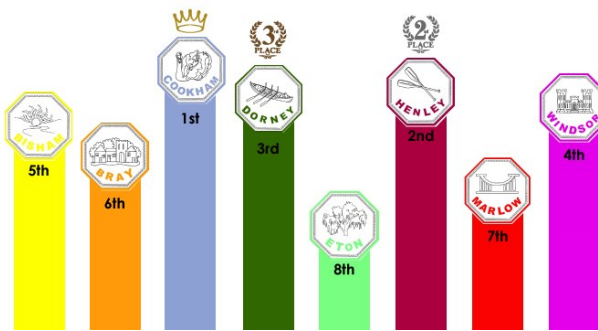
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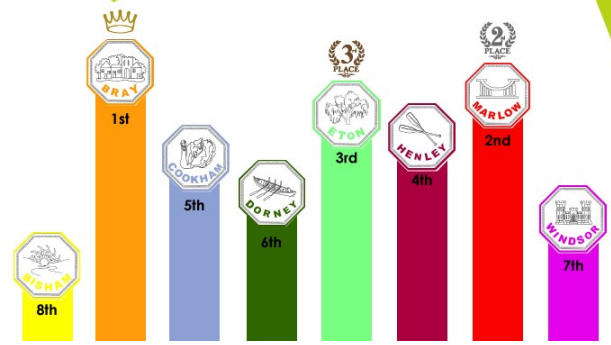
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## INTERHOUSE RESULTS YEAR 11 BOYS

YEAR 11



## INTERHOUSE RESULTS YEAR 10 GIRLS

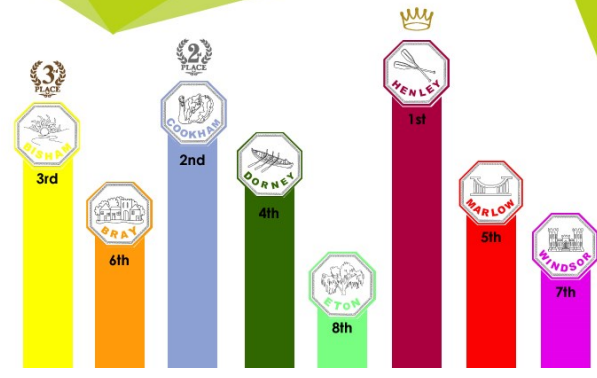
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## INTERHOUSE RESULTS YEAR 12/13

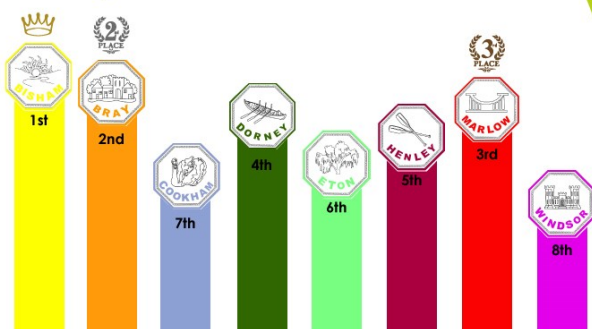
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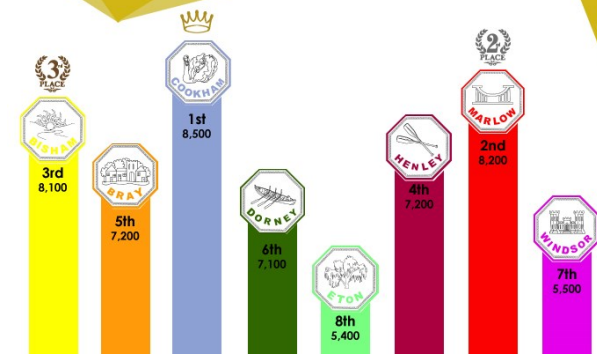


## INTERHOUSE RESULTS YEAR 10 BOYS

YEAR 10



## INTERHOUSE RESULTS OVERALL POINTS



## 'MATILDA JR' PHOTOS



Here are some photos from the week's performances with our extremely talented cast:



# PTFA

Parents, Teachers  
& Friends  
Association

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Website: [click here to access](#)

Charity Number 287878



Our amazing team of helpers served over 400 customers and raised nearly £850 profit during the performances of 'Matilda Jr'.

This is a very valuable fundraising event for our school; a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped, purchased, organised or contributed in any way.

The school would like to say a special thank you to our very hard working PTFA colleagues for all their support this term.



# 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)

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**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

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](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: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Interviews will take place as suitable applicants apply**

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