

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #66.9











MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Ukraine

Over the last couple of weeks, our thoughts have been very much occupied with the situation in Ukraine. In tutor time and some lessons, we have been giving students information to help them understand the context behind the war, as well as counter some of the misinformation students may be seeing on social media.



We are conscious that following months of Covid dominating the news, we are now seeing images of death and destruction. We are keen to give students opportunities to discuss the conflict and share whatever concerns they may have.

I have also received several requests for us to support refugees and we are looking at items the FPSS community could donate.

Year 10

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who conducted themselves so well in their PPEs this week. From conversations after examinations, it was clear that students have already learnt much about examination technique and what they need to revise. These will be important lessons as they move towards the final examinations.

Congratulations also go to our Year 10 boys football team who won their County Cup Quarter Final this week. Good luck to them in their attempts to lift the trophy.

Take care.

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



Next week (Week 1)

TUE 15 MARCH	Secondary Schools Offer Acceptance Deadline	
THU 17 MARCH	Year 8P Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.30pm - 7.00pm

Forthcoming Events (Term 4)

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

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22 & 2022/2023

PARENTS CONSULTATION YEAR 8P **EVENING**



THURSDAY 17TH MARCH

On Thursday 17th March there will be a consultation evening for Year 8P parents and carers which will be held virtually.

To identify if your child is in F, P or S band please look at their timetable either in their planner or on Go4Schools.

Date and time details have already been sent for parents and carers of students in 8F band and will be sent out in due course for those in 8S band.

Appointment slots are available now. We advise you to book as soon as possible as appointments are likely to book up quickly.

Appointments are booked online and are available from 4.30pm until 7.00pm. 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.

PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS

Guidance on how to use our virtual parents evening system can be found below. Please ensure you read the below guide as this system works very differently to other platforms such as Zoom. You will need to log into the Parents' Evening booking system on the night in order to access your appointments.

We would advise using a desktop or laptop for your appointment and to use Wi-Fi rather than mobile phone data. This guidance includes information on how parents/ carers can join from two different locations if required, please note in order to do this the parent booking the appointments is the only person who has the ability to invite another parent to the appointment.

PARENTS - HOW TO ATTEND APPOINTMENTS OVER VIDEO CALL

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 Evenina.

Should you wish to speak to them between 4.30pm and 7.00pm, please follow the link:

Join Zoom Meeting

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

Meeting ID: 863 1721 7948

Passcode: S0yKzh

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.

Mrs S Crisford

Assistant Headteacher (Student Support)





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

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YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK **MAIDENHEAD TOWN CENTRE - MARCH/ APRIL 2022**



- GCSE Geography Fieldwork March/April 2022
- Fieldwork relating to students Component 3 Exam Paper (worth 30% of final grade)

As you may be aware, our planned Year 10 (2020-21 school year) local area fieldtrip had to be cancelled last summer due to the ongoing effects of Covid-19. Fieldwork and investigation forms a core part of the GCSE Geography course. As part of the GCSE course students are required to sit an exam paper focused on Fieldwork and UK Geography, which totals 30% of their final grade.

To support students in producing high quality answers in this paper the Geography Department will run a one-day

fieldtrip to Maidenhead town centre for all Year 11 GCSE Geography students. The aim of the trip is to provide a framework for students to collect primary data on their local area.

The fieldtrip will also equip students with unique experiences of fieldwork that they should be able to link to their wider geographical understanding and ability to follow the geographic enquiry process.

During their Geography fieldwork experiences, students will conduct research and later produce a brief report after their trip based on their data collection and further research.

The fieldwork will be on the following dates:

- 11B/Gg1 (Mr N Jones' class)
- Tuesday 29th March 2022
- 11A/Gg1 (Mrs S Jebb's class)
- Wednesday 30th March 2022
- 11D/Gg1 (Mrs D Brennan's class)
- Thursday 31st March 2022
- 11C/Gq1 (Mrs S Jebb's class)
- Friday 1st April 2022

Itinerary:

Students will need to meet their teachers at 09.15am outside the school theatre. Once all together students and teachers will walk down to Maidenhead town centre as a group.

Students will need to register in school that morning. Their class teachers will register them again on arrival to the school theatre. We will be returning to school together by break 2 (approx. 13.30pm). Students will be returning to their normal period 5 lesson after returning to school. For any lessons that they miss, it is their responsibility to find out what work they have missed by speaking to their class teachers.

Students will be required to follow the normal School Uniform dress code, and are expected to uphold their appearance and school ethos. We recommend a warm/rain coat (weather dependent).

Students will need to bring a refillable water bottle and a packed lunch to sustain them throughout the day and a PEN AND PENCIL.

There will be no cost for the trip.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (joe.wellard-jeffs@furzeplatt.net).

Mr J Wellard-Jeffs Head of Geography





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

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YEAR 11 RSE (RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION)



As part of your child's education at Furze Platt Senior School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health, Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy and productive lives.

I am writing to let you know that over the next 6 weeks starting 14th March, your child's class will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) areas of the programme. RSE at Furze Platt will follow the Department for Education's statutory guidance that came into effect September 2020. RSE lessons in Year 11 will include teaching about: consent, revenge porn (with clips from Zara McDermott's BBC documentary) and healthy and unhealthy relationships. Students will have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world.

The purpose of inclusive RSE at FPSS is to provide

knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on love and respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships in later life. The unit will equip students with the knowledge and skills to make informed and healthy choices; to build their confidence and skills to deal with situations they may encounter; to help them to stay safe and know where and how to ask for help if needed.

We hope that students will have the opportunity to have a session run by the youth team from DASH (Domestic Abuse Stops Here), who support families in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. The team will explore what makes healthy relationships, informed consent and where to receive support should it be required.

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by staff and governors at Furze Platt Senior School. Please visit the school's website:

PSHE / CITIZENSHIP AT FURZE PLATT

for more detail about our PSHE curriculum. All PSHE takes place in a safe, inclusive learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

If you would like more information about Furze Platt Senior School's relationship and sex education policy, it can be found on our website:

RELATIONSHIPS & SEX EDUCATION POLICY

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, please get in contact.

Miss L Stirling Head of PSHE

lisa.stirling@furzeplatt.net











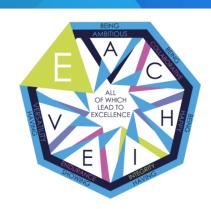




A M B I T I O U S

'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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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.

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 and provide as much notice as possible to allow time for that place to be allocated to someone on the waiting list.

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 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 WEEK'S CLUBS LIST

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS GOLD AWARD PRACTICE EXPEDITION

By Stuart Johnstone, Year 13



Our group of 18 - split into three groups - set off for our DofE Gold Award practice expedition last Sunday and we were incredibly fortunate to have far better weather than we could have ever expected.

Every day was bright, sunny and dry, despite the previous forecasts of rain, although very cold in the evenings. The first two nights in particular were freezing cold and we all had to wear lots of layers to try and keep warm. However, one of the later campsites had warm showers which was wonderful.

I have enjoyed DofE a lot and a few of us had also completed the Bronze and Silver Awards so we knew pretty much what to expect. We had a great time in our group, I think I laughed for about 80% of the time as well as learning how to do pacing, how to take an accurate bearing and most importantly, how to pack Minstrels so they are within arm's reach at all times...

We arrived back at the pick up point on Thursday afternoon, slightly ahead of schedule and very ready for a shower, some hot food and to catch up with friends and family.



DofE is a great experience, not only because you get to meet new people (or see people you know in different surroundings) but also to test yourself and see what you can achieve.

Thank you to Gary and Amy from BXM and to Miss Carty, DofE Manager for their help, advice and support.



SUSTAINABILITY AT FURZE PLATT

DID YOU KNOW...?

Up to 48 plastic bottles are recycled to produce the Polyester for one of our blazers!

Our uniform provider, Hawkinsport, are working to improve their Eco credentials and also as members of the Schoolwear Association, they sign-up to the Code of Practice. This includes using reputable school wear suppliers and they are committed to offering durable and long-lasting garments that can be worn many times, which helps reduce the overall impact on the environment and provides value for money for parents and carers.

BLAZER - Ziggys Eco

Fabric: 100% Recycled Polyester Outer and lining fabric

SKIRT - Girls' Skirt

Manufactured in the UK and embroidered in-house

SPORTS KIT - Polo, Shorts, Skorts

We aim to use recycled Polyester fabric from next year (Covid has somewhat delayed the introduction with supply problems of new fabrics.)

Please see page 11 for more Eco statistics.

UNIFORM REMINDER



Thank you very much for your ongoing support with your children's uniform. We think it is important for all students to keep up a high standard of appearance so that the school's excellent reputation is maintained in the local community. Students must wear school uniform at all times while on school premises and travelling to and from school. They may also be required to do so when on school trips.

Please could we take the opportunity to remind everyone of our uniform requirements – what is expected and what is not allowed. We are keen to avoid any conflict that may arise from students wearing incorrect uniform. Please help us to keep to our high standard of dress by ensuring that you buy the correct uniform for your child and that they wear it to school every day. Please also make sure that everything is clearly named so that Lost Property can be returned to its owner. We reserve the right to confiscate items that do not form part of the school uniform and students may be sent home to change if their uniform is unacceptable.

Common areas where students are misinterpreting uniform policy are:

Skirts. The only permitted skirt in school is the official FPSS one. No other alternatives are permitted.

- Hoodies. Please note that hoodies are not an alternative to a coat and should not be worn into school. While many children have the FPSS hoodie, that is an optional part of the PE kit and should only be worn during PE lessons.
- Black trainers. Black trainers do not qualify as school shoes.

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If you have any news items you wish to feature in our newsletter please email: media@furzeplatt.net

- Piercings. Students are permitted one stud in each earlobe. We recognise that many young people wish to have additional piercings and that new ones initially require jewellery to be left in in order to prevent the piercing closing up. We therefore request that any new piercings are done at the start of long holidays to minimise time in school where jewellery is required. In such situations, students may wear a clear plastic stud in school for a maximum of 6 weeks while their new piercing heals.
- Tracksuits. Fully matched, branded, tracksuits are not permitted for PE. Students are required to wear the official FPSS PE kit on their top half. They may wear navy or black (unbranded) tracksuit bottoms if they wish.



There are families who qualify for financial assistance to purchase school uniform. If you would like assistance and believe you qualify, please get in touch with Mrs Griffiths (lois.griffiths@furzeplatt.net) or Mrs Hemsley (sarah.hemsley@furzeplatt.net), who will be able to assist you.

Our PTFA operates an excellent second hand uniform service. They can also swap items – so if your growing child has some uniform they have outgrown (that is still in good condition) it can be swapped for a larger equivalent (subject to availability). Please email office@furzeplatt.net for uniform requests.

Equally, the PTFA relies heavily on donations of uniform that is no longer required. Please could we ask everyone with any uniform they no longer need (and that is still in good condition), drop it off at reception.

The link below details our uniform in full. All items are available from Hawkinsport in Bourne End, except Furze Platt Senior School ties which are in House colours and can be purchased at School Reception.

Please visit the Hawkinsport website:

HAWKINSPORT WEBSITE

FPSS UNIFORM WEBPAGE

Mr J Sheppard Deputy Headteacher

FURZE PLATT COUNTY CUP REPORT



Furze Platt's Year 10 boys had a County Cup Quarter Final fixture under the lights on Tuesday night. We played against St. Barts for the chance to progress through to the last 4 in the county.

The boys had their toughest challenge of the year so far — we went 4-0 up very early on thanks to all of the boys starting extremely fast and direct (as per the game plan), the goals were massively helped by Jake Coomes being absolutely clinical in front of goal! However, from then on until the end of the game FP had to remain extremely disciplined and resilient as we faced long periods of time without possession and our defensive resolve was truly tested. We passed the test — won 4-1, progressing to the semi-finals and have taken the next step towards our goal of being crowned the best in the county! Massive congratulations to all involved.

Mr B Corbett & Mr D Tipp, Teachers of PE

YEAR 7 FINISHED TOP OF DISTRICT LEAGUE



Our Year 7 Football Team played on Wednesday away from home against Cox Green in a 1st vs 2nd League Playoff decider. With just 7 minutes to go the game was tied 2-2. The Furze Platt team got a corner and Fin Briggs stepped up to take it, he put a fantastic delivery in to the box and James Maher got on the end of it to make it 3-2! This means that the Year 7's have finished top of their district league and they wait to find out who they face in the playoff semi-finals. Great work team!

Mr D Tipp, Teacher of PE

'The safety, welfare and well-being of the whole school community form a priority for leaders at the school.'

CATERING ASSISTANT REQUIRED TERM TIME ONLY



10.30AM - 3PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY £9.50 per hour from April 2022

Experience in catering preferred. For more details please contact: Debra Horsfall, Chef Manager Furze Platt Senior School furzeplatt@impactfood.co.uk



NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

YEARS 9 - 13

To coincide with National Careers Week 2022, Michelle Donelan, Minister of State for Further and Higher Education, is writing to students and parents about the education, training and work choices available to young people after they finish their GCSEs and once they turn 18.

Please see the letters below to students and their parents / carers.

OPEN LETTER TO STUDENTS

OPEN THE LETTER TO PARENTS, CARERS AND GUARDIANS



NEWS FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Raising Awareness of Exploitation and County Lines

County Lines is a term used to describe organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more areas within the UK, using dedicated mobile phone 'lines'. A process of grooming is used to entice a child into acts of criminality. This may include promises of something the child needs or wants, such as money, expensive clothes and shoes, power and status or a sense of belonging.

Exploited young people do not always look or act vulnerable and we are asking that everyone looks closer for signs, some of which could be the following:

- Truancy
- Anxious, frightened, angry or displaying other behaviours that are out of character
- In possession of more than one phone
- Having unexplained money or belongings, or buying new things
- · Taking drugs or abusing alcohol
- Unexplained injuries and refusing to talk about it
- · Hanging around with older people
- Going missing from home, staying out late or travelling for unexplained reasons
- Spending more time on phone and being secretive about who they are calling or texting

If you spot any of these signs, speak to your child and let them know that help is available.

If you are concerned about a child and think it's an emergency please dial 999, otherwise please dial 101. If you would rather remain anonymous, you can contact the independent charity crimestoppers online or call 0800 555 111.

More information can be found at childrenssociety.org.uk/lookcloser



NEW STREETSAFE REPORTING TOOL

Did you know you can now report areas where you feel unsafe to the Community Safety Partnership?

The new StreetSafe tool allows you to flag areas on a map where you feel unsafe and tell us why you feel unsafe there. This could be due to poor street lighting, behaviour you have experienced from a group or an individual, or something else.

You can make a report about somewhere in the Thames Valley, or somewhere you have visited in the UK. Reports are sent to the local police force for that area.

All reports are anonymous and we review all of them with our local partners to identify areas that need improvement as they are causing concern to our local communities.

MAKE YOUR REPORT ONLINE



Contact us

 $\textbf{Email:} \ \underline{ptfa@furzeplatt.net} \ | \ \ \textbf{Facebook:} \ \underline{facebook.com/fpssptfa}$

Website: click here to access

Charity Number 287878

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM DONATIONS REQUIRED PLEASE

Reuse, recycle, repurpose...



Our stock of saleable uniform needs topping up!

Please donate your child's outgrown logo'd uniform to the PTFA so we can sell and earn funds to fulfil funding requests.

All sizes of games and daywear are welcome.

A few instructions though...

- Current logo'd uniform only
- Clean and freshly laundered = we don't want to see pockets full of pens, rulers, paint brushes, keys or tissues (and add to our own washing mountains!)
- Very good condition to sell = intact so no torn pockets or sleeves, no holes, no stains (we've received plenty of unsaleable goods previously!).
- Footwear in good, clean, saleable condition = Astro boots, trainers and/or daywear shoes that are uncreased in nearly new condition (we have an abundance of muddy football boots to rehome already!).

Drop off to a PTFA household so contact us by email: <u>ptfa@furzeplatt.net</u> or message us through <u>Facebook.com/fpssptfa</u> for an address or leave a bag in school reception.



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



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:

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

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

Ambitious Collaborative Happy Integrity Endurance Versatility Excellence

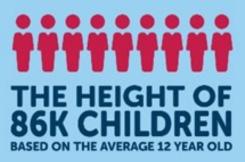








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8.30am - 9.00am

Cardio Kettlebells

9.00am - 9.45am

Drop in from £8 Online Booking required



SATURDAY SWEAT





Gale Hubbard, Yoga Teacher

Gale is passionate about the well-being of young people. Her mission is to help them to enjoy and explore the world around them, and also have them realise their own agency and the contribution they can make

An experienced yoga instructor and school teacher, she has spent over 10 years in education. Gale has worked with children from age 3 to 18 years both in and out of schools, in the UK, Ghana, Romania and New Zealand. She is also a certified children's mindfulness teacher.

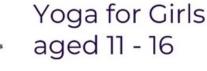
FREE TASTERS

Wednesday 16th February 2022 6.15pm - 7.15pm OR 7.30pm - 8.30pm St Edmund Campion Parish Centre, Altwood Road, Maidenhead

Full Course Details

6.15pm - 7.15pm OR 7.30pm - 8.30pm 6 week Courses from 2nd March to 6th April



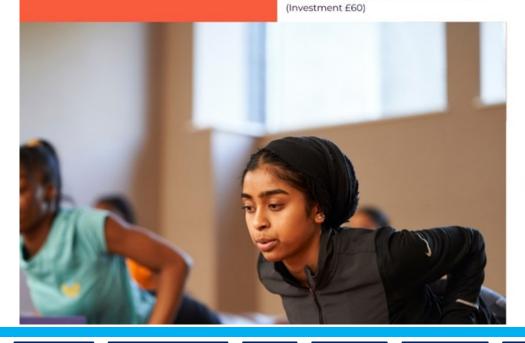


- · Supporting physical development by increasing flexibility and strength
- · Helping to build emotional and mental resilience
- · Breath work and other techniques to increase energy and decrease anxiety and
- · A non competitive and fun environment
- · Opportunity to get active, connect and engage with others, as well as step away from technology for a time
- · A route to rediscover and reconnect with what it is to enjoy movement and activity

DETAILS AND BOOKING https://www.movehappyfitness.co.uk/ki ds-yoga

Questions?

Contact: Nicola Porter nicolamaryporter@gmail.com Phone: 07709 164778 www.movehappyfitness.co.uk @movehappyfitness





EASTER HOLIDAY COURSES - BOOK NOW!

Do you have a child with a passion for Musical Theatre, Acting or Film-making. If you do, then we might have just the holiday course for them!

They can spend a week doing what they love most with our amazing team of performing industry professionals in our brand-new Chiswick studios! They can shoot their own original movie, create a musical, put on a play or just focus on developing their skills and confidence in acting or musical theatre. Courses are suitable for all abilities and there are options for all ages. Beginners will discover new techniques at their own pace. More experienced students will be encouraged to improve and excel. All in a safe, welcoming, collaborative, and fun-filled environment!

Monday 4 - Friday 8 April 2022

Monday 11 - Thursday 14 April 2022

Ages 4 to 16+

FIND OUT MORE & BOOK NOW!

Monday 4 - F	Friday 8 April
Acting for Stage & Screen (16+)	Acting for Stage & Screen (11-15)
Play in a Week! (7-10)	West End Pro (16+)
West End Week (11-15)	Jukebox Musical (11-13)
Jukebox Musical (7-10)	Mini Musical (4-6)
Monday 11 - Th	nursday 14 April
Musical Theatre Pro (16+)	Musical Theatre (11-15)

Make a Movie (7-10)

Actors Toolbox (11-15)





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?

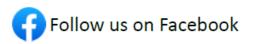
Would you like the opportunity to speak with a newly qualified teacher about their first year in school?

Then please read on





A M B I T I O U S **C** O L L A B O R A T I V E **V**







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



Teacher of Drama

Start Date: 25th April 2022

Fixed Term Contract until 31st August 2022

MPS/UPS/Level plus London Fringe Allowance

Closing Date: Monday 21st March
We welcome early applications

Would you like to join a popular, oversubscribed school with excellent state of the art facilities?

Our Performing Arts department comprises of a state of the art, 400-seat Theatre, two black box Drama Studios, a Dance Studio, two Music classrooms and a range of peripatetic instrument rooms, as well as a fully equipped recording studio. Our team of two Music and two Drama Teachers offers our students the very best in creative teaching and learning. We are seeking to appoint a candidate to join the team for a short period of time and contribute to high-quality teaching and learning for our students, both in the classroom and through our rich and varied extracurricular programme.

Furze Platt is a highly successful and inclusive mixed comprehensive school serving the children of Maidenhead. At Furze Platt, 1500 students of all abilities develop the skills and qualities to enable them to excel in the future. We are an ambitious, high-achieving and fully inclusive school in which our students are challenged and supported to achieve excellence. We are well placed for access, with good transport links to and from London and surrounding counties. Our school is very well resourced and equipped with many new facilities benefiting students and staff. These include a state-of-the-art theatre, gym, fitness suite and new three-storey teaching block incorporating science laboratories and class-rooms.

We want our students to enjoy the time they spend with us by providing an education which is broad, stimulating and rewarding. We encourage all our staff to offer enrichment opportunities with over 50 clubs and societies being offered each term. We are proud of this range of extra-curricular opportunities including Duke of Edinburgh, ski and theatre trips, visits overseas to enhance language skills and historical knowledge and many others.

We offer a friendly and harmonious campus atmosphere, with a Senior Leadership Team who genuinely want to see you succeed and develop. Career opportunities allowing you to grow professionally within Furze Platt. Furze Platt is the lead school for Teach Maidenhead, a teacher training partnership which offers School Direct teacher training giving staff the opportunity to develop their mentoring skills.

We are keen to ensure that we support the physical and mental wellbeing of our staff. Discounted membership is available for the use of a fully equipped and well-maintained gym on-site. Staff are provided with a laptop and many have their own classrooms. We offer access to an employee advice service (Care First) which provides information, helpful resources, and a counselling service. We encourage community spirit and staff involvement through various social events, recent ones being "tea on the terrace" in the summer term, an orienteering event, murder mystery and cooking competitions, sports after school and a Furze Platt fantasy football league. We also ensure that freshly brewed coffee is ready for you during break-time with edible treats to help you through the week!

Interested applicants are welcome to talk to Mrs Debbie Harding, HR Manager debbie.harding@furzeplatt.net about this post, or to visit the school. To learn more about our school and to complete an application form please refer to the vacancies section of our website www.furzeplatt.com. Please return completed application forms to wiran.smith@furzeplatt.net

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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

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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.

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



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