

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #67.2











MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Best of Luck to our Examination Candidates

The period after Easter in the school year is traditionally focused on the impending examinations. Having not had formal exams for two years this is very much in evidence at FPSS with many students attending sessions before and after the school day to help with revision and exam



preparation. Talking to our exam candidates it is apparent that the vast majority are putting an enormous effort into revising content and practising papers.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our FPSS staff for all the help they are providing, as well as the support families are offering at home. This week saw the French, Spanish and German speaking assessments and I would like to commend students for how they conducted themselves.

The formal examinations start on 16 May and continue until mid-June. Apart from the pleasure of obtaining good results and the potential employment, apprenticeship or further education places these will obtain, if you need a further incentive to keep students going, please remind your children of the extra-long summer holiday they will have when the examinations end. At this point and having given their all, they can enjoy a well-earned rest looking forward to opening their results in August.

Take care.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next week (Week 1)

WED 11 MAY	Year 6 Parents' Induction Evening	6.30pm - 9.00pm
THU 12 MAY	Year 7P Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.30pm - 7.00pm

Forthcoming Events

THU 19MAY

Year 7S Parents' and Students' 4.30pm Consultation Evening (Online) 7.00pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22 & 2022/2023





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

Ofsted 2021



YEAR 7P PARENTS AND CARERS EVENING THURSDAY 12TH MAY 4.30-7PM

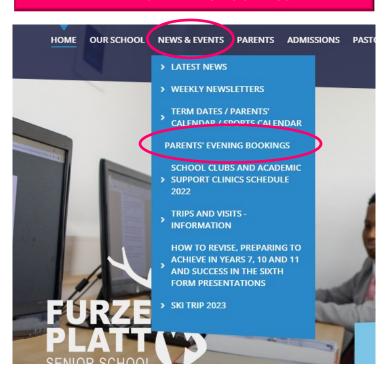
On Thursday 12th May there will be a consultation evening for Year 7P parents and carers which will be held virtually. We encourage students to be present for these meetings also.

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 will be sent out next week for those in 7S band; 7F parents and carers received their date last Monday via ParentMail.

Appointment slots are available to book 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.

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.

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 Evening.

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

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

Meeting ID: 882 3217 1680

Passcode: PX9tt0

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 Sarah Crisford

Assistant Headteacher (Student Support)

'The school is rightly proud of its extra-curricular provision.'









INVITATIONS TO CLUBS FOR TERM 5

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 at the end of last term 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.

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations to attend clubs for their son/daughter for this term. 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.

LINK TO NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS LIST







CATERING ASSISTANTS x2 REQUIRED

Our friendly café team are looking to hire two Catering Assistants:

Monday - Friday 8am - 3pm term time only

£9.50 per hour including free lunch.

Immediate start welcomed.

For more details or to apply, please email our Café Manager Debbie Horsfall at: furzeplatt@impactfood.co.uk

QPR ACADEMY STAR AT FURZE PLATT





Jake Coomes, Year 10, scored against Arsenal Academy last Thursday in an exciting 2-2 match played at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium. You can see his fantastic goal in the video below. Jake is currently on a two year contract with QPR Academy. We wish him all the best for his future career in football!

WATCH THE GOAL ON VIDEO!









Contact us

Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net | Facebook: facebook.com/fpssptfa

Website: click here to access

Charity Number 287878

CONGRATULATIONS!!

3 LUCKY WINNERS HAVE EACH WON £200 CASH

COULD IT BE YOU IN JULY?

COMING UP...

PTFA MEETING INCORPORATING AGM TUESDAY 28TH JUNE 2022 - 7.30-9PM

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE - JULY 2022 DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.

We are accepting outgrown logo'd uniform via school reception

200 CLUB DRAW - JULY 2022 Final draw of the academic year

QUIZ & BUFFET DINNER - AUTUMN 2022 Date and ticket info to follow





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



ptfa@furzeplatt.net



https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa https://bit.ly/39u6vFv





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 £13,900 - £14,195pa (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 joanne.latham-brash@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 23rd May Interviews will take place as suitable applicants apply

CURRENT VACANCIES



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





Interested in training to teach?



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.

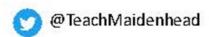
Information on the courses available can be found at: www.teachmaldenhead.co.uk

Find further advice for prospective applicants on the Get into Teaching website.

To apply for teacher training Click Here







CURRENT VACANCIES



Taplow Youth Choir

Looking for new members for September 2022

Website: www.taplowchoirs.org.uk

BOYS: Where voices are changing, members may be admitted from Year 9 upwards, as alto, tenor or bass singers.

GIRLS: Girls are admitted from Year 11 upwards.





Open Rehearsals

You are very welcome to visit a rehearsal on any of the following dates: 14th May, 28th May, 11th June

We meet at Taplow Village Centre, Rectory Road, Taplow SL6

OET from 4.30-7.00 pm

For more information, or for an application form contact Gillian Dibden, the choir's Director, on 07799 413746 or email gillan.dibden@gmail.com





Taplow Girls' Choir

Looking for new members for September 2022

Open to students in school years 5 to 10 Website: www.taplowchoirs.org.uk

Taplow Girls' Choir meets on alternate Saturday afternoons from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. Rehearsals are held in the delightful setting of Taplow Village - in the Village Centre on the Green (SL6 OET).



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Mondays
Band Camp, 9.30am
Oaken Grove

Kettlebells Basics, 9.20am
Oaken Grove

Saturdays

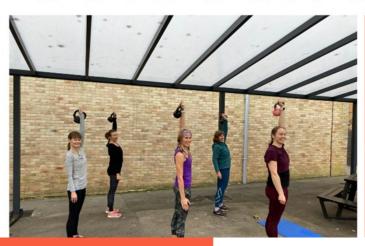
HIIT 8.30am Cardio Kettlebells 9am

Furze Platt Senior School

Drop in from £8
Online Booking required



OUTDOOR CLASSES





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.



Move Happy Fitness

Wednesdays, Term time 7.30pm - 8.30pm St Edmund Campion Parish Centre, Altwood Road, Maidenhead



Yoga for Girls aged 11 - 16

- 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 stress
- 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

Ambitious Collaborative Happy Integrity Endurance Versatility Excellence 10









There is somehow already another Half Term on the way!

Live and ready to book, our ever popular Holiday Activity Days for 8-12s, and Holiday Activity Day + for 12-16s are only just starting to fill up.

Both are a full day of four adventurous activities, 9am-5pm, with lunch included for just £50. You can book online here - 8-12, 12-16.

Please note that these will include water activities so the young people need to be

We have also added After School Kayaking courses, as well as some weekend dates

Please click on the links above for more details.



CURRENTLY RECRUITING TALENTED & COMMITTED PLAYERS TO COMPETE NATIONALLY

OPEN PLAYER TRIALS FOR 2022 / 23 SEASON

MAY 2022

WEDNESDAY 6PM - 7PM [u9 | u10 | u11] THURSDAY 6PM - 8PM [u13 | u14 | u15]

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