

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #67.4



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

#### Laptops for Learning

Over recent weeks we have launched our Laptops for Learning programme with parents of students who will be in Years 7 (current Year 6) and Year 10 (current Year 9) in September. Laptops for Learning



enables parents and carers the opportunity to obtain a laptop for their child to support learning at home and in school. These devices will help students access a rich variety of additional learning tools and strategies. This will help students with their examination studies, as well as prepare them for their future working lives where using such devices are the norm in a wide variety of careers.

Following 18 months of research led by our IT Team, Governors and teachers, including work with several schools who have similar schemes, our research has shown that introducing Laptops for Learning can have a number of benefits including:

- Promoting greater engagement in learning.
- Enabling teachers to use a wider variety of learning techniques (particularly visual).
- Improving students' organisation.
- Helping students access up-to-date electronic textbooks and support materials within and beyond school.
- Helping further differentiate students' learning experiences.
- Enhancing collaboration between students and teachers.
- Improving how teachers can feedback to students.
- Enabling students to draft and redraft to improve and develop skills and work.
- Students being able to access subject specific

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#### Next week (Week 1)

<b>FRI 27</b> MAY	END OF TERM (TERM 5)	3.15pm finish
MON 30 - FRI 3 MAY JUNE	MAY HOLIDAY	
MON 6 JUNE	START OF TERM 6 (Week 2)	

#### Forthcoming Events (Term 6)

THU 23	INSET DAY - School closed	
JUNE	PiXL Build Up Celebration Evening	6.00pm
<b>MON 27</b> JUNE	Year 5 Open Morning	
<b>MON 28</b> JUNE	Year 7 Enrichment Afternoon P4-5 (early break 2: 12.45-1.15)	
	PTFA Meeting/AGM (Library)	7.30pm - 9.00pm
<b>WED 29</b> JUNE	Year 11 Graduation	4.00pm - 6pm
<b>THU 30</b> JUNE	Year 11 Prom	7.00pm - 10.30pm
FRI 1 JULY	INSET DAY - School closed	
SAT 2 JULY	PTFA Nearly New Sale	11.00am - 2.00pm
<b>TUE 5</b> JULY	Year 6 Taster Day 1	
	Year 6 Parents Q&A/Drop-In Evening	6.30pm - 8.00pm
WED 6 JULY	Year 6 Taster Day 2	
<b>THU 7 - FRI 8</b> JULY	Year 12 Taster Days	
SUN 10 - WED 13 JULY	Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip - Nettlecombe	
MON 11 JULY	Year 12 Careers Day	
<b>TUE 12 - FRI 15</b> JULY	Year 12 Work Experience Week	
<b>THU 14</b> JULY	Art Show	4.30pm - 7.00pm
	Furze Platt Concert and Fundraiser	7.30pm
MON 18 JULY	Sports Awards Evening	
<b>WED 20</b> JULY	Last Day of Term 6	12.30pm finish

#### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22 & 2022/2023

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applications (e.g., in MFL, Art and Science).

- Promoting independent study.
- Introducing new learning opportunities including different ways of writing and further improving literacy.
- Ensuring all students have a more equitable access to IT.

While we have identified the benefits of laptops for students, it is important to emphasise that we see their value as an additional powerful learning tool. They will work alongside more traditional means of learning, not least because currently students will still sit written examinations.



The plan is to launch in phases:

2022/23 – new Year 7 and 10 (current Year 9) students. 2023/24 – new Year 7 and 10 (current Year 8) students. 2024/25 – new Year 10 (current Year 7) students.

We look forward to sharing further details with other Year Groups in the future.

#### Examinations

External examinations began this week with some important GCSEs, and A Levels commencing in the next few days.

We have been delighted to see students' focus on their exams and wish all Year 11 and Year 13 students every success in the coming weeks both with their exams and their future education and career choices.

Take care,

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

#### JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE



At the end of April many of our Year 7 and 8 students participated in the Junior Maths Challenge (JMC) competition. As usual our students did very well.

Four of our students received Gold, 16 students Silver and 32 students Bronze awards. Gordon Yiu in year 8 achieved Best in School and Oliver Fennell Best in Year 7. Gordon Yiu and Noah Moss qualified for the Junior Kangaroo Challenge in June as they performed excellently in the JMC.

All participants embraced all the ACHIEVE values of FPSS in preparing for and doing the actual JMC. We, as a Maths department, are extremely proud to offer our students these enrichment opportunities and are equally proud of their excellent achievements in these competitions.

Mr J Langenhoven, Teacher of Mathematics



# YEAR 11 GCSE REVISION PROGRAMME



Please see the attached letter and revision programme for Year 11 GCSE students and parents from Mr James Dollery, Assistant Headteacher, with important information.

#### YEAR 11 EXAMS AND REVISION LETTER

**GCSE REVISION PROGRAMME 2022** 



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#### **GCSEPOD REVISION ACTIVITIES**

Students are encouraged to use the attached booklet detailing revision activities to introduce different methods of revision.

These are very useful activities to help break up the usual revision methods.

GCSEPods are especially beneficial in the lead up to and during the imminent GCSE exams.

Featuring short videos and lots of 'Check and Challenges', students can quiz themselves on their learning to see how effective their revision/learning is and help them drill more into the topics they know well or need to work more on.

If parents, carers or students would like more information or assistance, please email <u>debbie.feather@furzeplatt.net</u>

Mrs D Feather, Raising Achievement Manager

#### LINK TO GCSE POD ACTIVITIES

#### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

ASSESSOR REPORT DEADLINE

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Assessor reports for students taking their Duke of Edinburgh Awards are due by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May for both the 3 and 6 month sections.

If you have any queries please do contact me at <u>desrene.carty@furzeplatt</u>.

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager

YEAR 7 DRAMA - PETER PAN MODEL BOXES



As part of the Year 7 Drama work this half term, students have had the opportunity to design their own sets for a production of Peter Pan. They have created model boxes to show their creative ideas for these sets.



The work the students have produced is amazing, with a large amount of time and effort going into them all. The

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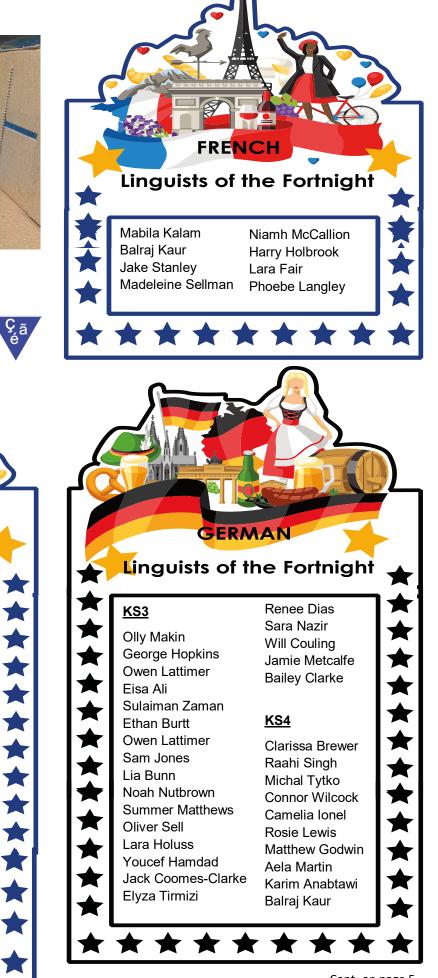
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students should feel extremely proud of the work they have created.



Mr A Griffiths, Teacher of Drama

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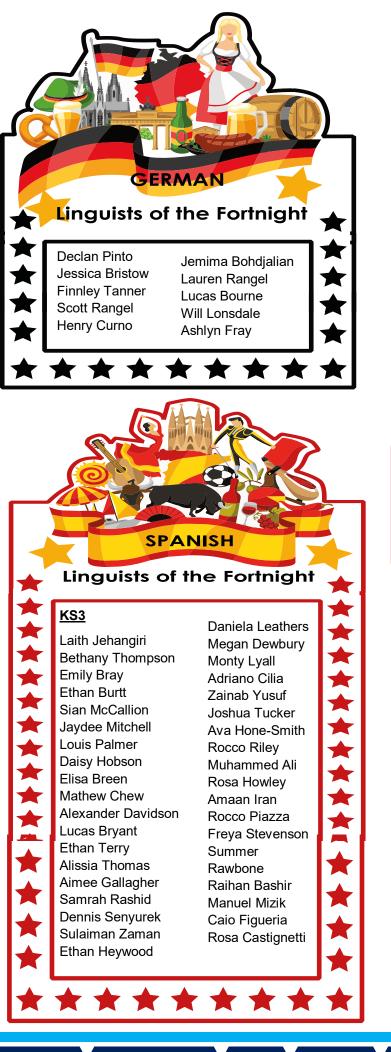
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Ben Peck Ava Hone-Smith Noah Thomas James Wilkinson Emma Bunn Henna Hussain Joshua Cutter <u>KS4</u> Jade Winsor Youcef Ait-Kaci

Michael Lee-Thorp Alex Evans Leo Cox Naizel De Souza Brooke Stevens Isabelle Cowell

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SPANISH Linguists of the Fortnight \*\*\*\*\*\*  $\star \star \star$ K<u>S4</u> Lola Ogden Sumayah Wanessa Graczyk Siddiqi Anna Vasilopoulou Chloe Wheatley Salma Tizniti Benassar Phoebe  $\star \star \star \star \star$ Mason McArthur Forward Lola Webb Adleigh Webb Georgina Castignetti Catherine Charlie Shervell Barker Callum King Max Mitchell Conor Wiard Pippa Largey Januki De Alwis Benjamin Lily Hatch Broadbent Sean Pow Joel Halstead Amy Matthews Ruby Felix Tim Golding \* \* \* \* \*

#### SUPER 75

Well done to all students who were in the top 75 for their House.

Our Super 75 rewards are taking place next week.

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Students will be invited to attend a fun event as a reward for their efforts this term.





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#### YEAR 9 CRICKET TEAM



Well done to our Year 9 Cricket team, who lost against Eton College recently but had a great afternoon.



#### YEAR 10 HEALTH AND FITNESS



Year 10 students pictured participating in an interactive Health and Fitness lesson on the route of blood through the heart.

Rosie McCarthy

Ruby Harrison

Rhys Vann

Ben George

James Parkinson

Jonathon Pounde

Jake Gallagher



Maidenhead Concert Band (our local community band) will be performing together with our own students and staff for a fun toe-tapping evening with a great variety of live music.

FUNDRAISING EVENT – THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUL

This is a real community event and it would be fantastic to make this a sell-out.

#### TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE

Or via the QR code here:



If you can help with Silent Auction or Raffle prizes please bring any donations into Main Reception or contact Catherine Johnstone: catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net.

Our wonderful PTFA will also be running a bar that evening and would also appreciate any help that can be offered, they can be contacted at: <u>ptfa@furzeplatt.net</u>

# EARLY BREAK TIMES FOR ALL STUDENTS



Due to exams, second break times will be moved to 12.45am - 1.15pm from Monday  $16^{th}$  May through to Thursday  $23^{rd}$  June.

Please note 23<sup>rd</sup> June is an INSET day but school will be open for Exam students that day.

'The curriculum is broad and personalised. It is designed well to meet the needs of all pupils.'

Ofsted 2021

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#### YEAR 11 EVENTS



### Prom: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 7.00pm - 10.30pm Tickets available to purchase until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Our Year 11 Prom will be at the Riverside Marquee, Bray SL6 2ED on Thursday 30th June between 7pm and 10.30pm. The event is formal attire. Tickets cost £35 and this includes a buffet, DJ, photographer and a photobooth, kindly sponsored by the PTFA. Students should wear formal attire and bring cash to purchase soft drinks on the evening. If your son/daughter has any food allergies we need to be aware of, please note them on the form here:

#### FOOD ALLERGIES FORM

Tickets are available via your ParentMail account, please book as soon as possible to secure your son/daughter's place. Tickets will be available until Friday 27th May. We are delighted to invite all our Year 11 students - some of whom have had three challenging GCSE years - but would like to remind you that the invite is based on on-going positive behaviour and attendance in school.

If you are concerned about the cost of the ticket and facing financial difficulties, please contact Mrs Crisford to discuss at <u>sarah.crisford@furzeplatt.net</u>.

# Graduation: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 between 4.00 – 6.00 pm

Our formal Graduation Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 4.00pm, to which you are warmly invited. Please indicate if you can attend the event and the number of seats required via your ParentMail account by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. There is no charge for this event.

On the day of the Graduation event students should come to school between 3.15pm and 3.30pm in full smart uniform. Students are expected to return any outstanding textbooks or revision resources that they have borrowed or wish to donate to the school. Students will meet their Head of House and change into their graduation gown.

# Please note, parents should arrive from 3.45pm (not earlier) for the Graduation Ceremony.

There will be an opportunity after the event to take photographs with students in their formal graduation gowns.

#### Hoodies: Collection Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

If your son / daughter ordered a Leavers' Hoody, these will be available to collect on Tuesday 24th May from the Portacabin at 3.15pm.

We also welcome donations of good quality school uniform, PE kit or ties which should be placed in the PTFA boxes in our Main Reception area.

In the meantime, I would like to wish your child all the very best in their upcoming examinations.

Mrs Sarah Crisford

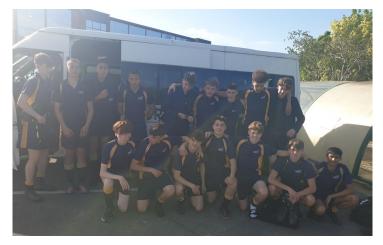
Assistant Headteacher (Student Support)



#### YEAR 10 COUNTY CUP

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Congratulations to the team for making it to the semifinals of the County Cup and good luck for the upcoming district semi-final that we have soon.



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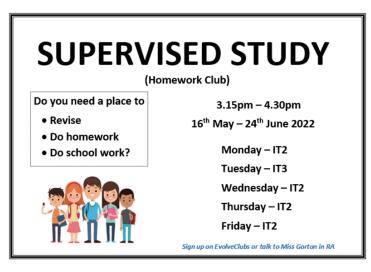
#### **CAREERS TALKS - CAREERS IN PHYSIOTHERAPY**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 3.15pm – 4pm

Our next careers talk will be about Careers in Physiotherapy, on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 3.15pm-4pm in the library. The speaker will be Nicky Graham. Nicky has been a physiotherapist for 30 years, working in both the NHS and the private sector. She regularly attends our careers fairs and is keen to share her knowledge and experience with students.

The talk is open to all students in all year groups. Please book your son / daughter in via EVOLVE through the original booking link as soon as possible.

Mrs J Bubb, Careers Leader



Please note, Supervised Study will be in IT2 and IT3 during the GCSE exam period.

#### INVITATIONS TO CLUBS FOR TERM 5 AND 6

Parents and carers of students in all year groups will receive invitations to attend clubs for their son/daughter

for next term (Term 6) on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The email will be headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address <u>evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk</u> and the links are safe for you to click on to confirm your child's attendance. If you do not receive an email by the end of the day next Friday please check your junk / spam folders.

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 (Term 5 - May 2022) must be made through the original email invitation (sent out Friday 8th April); more clubs may be added to this invitation next term but all bookings need to be made through this email

\* once in the list of clubs, click on the name of the club 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, 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; if they cannot make one week they should let the club leader know.

#### LINK TO NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS LIST



#### THANK YOU

Our lunchtime controller received chocolates and flowers from a number of Year 11 students and would like to say how touched they were by these thoughtful gestures.

Thank you to everyone involved and to all students who have given thank you presents or cards to staff; it is not expected at all but has been very much appreciated.

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#### AND FINALLY...

If you enjoyed the latest series of Channel 4's 'SAS Who Dares Wins', we are delighted to announce that one of the two winners is closely related to a member of our staff!



Shylla, who won along with Paige, is the cousin of Miss Carty, our DofE Manager. Well done to them both!



Mondays Band Camp, 9.30am Oaken Grove

Fridays Kettlebells Basics, 9.20am Oaken Grove

Saturdays HIIT 8.30am Cardio Kettlebells 9am Furze Platt Senior School

> Drop in from £8 Online Booking required

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# OUTDOOR CLASSES





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# HALF TERM IS APPROACHING FAST – HOPE EVERYONE IS MAKING PLANS...

WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO A NUMBER OF FAMILIES FOR THEIR CONTINUED BACKING.

BY SELECTING <u>FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL PTFA</u> TO EARN DONATIONS THROUGH ONLINE PURCHASES AND BY ASSISTING US PHYSICALLY WITH ACTIVITIES, YOU, YOUR CHILDREN AND SCHOOL BENEFIT FROM THE SUPPORT YOU GIVE US



# HELP REQUIRED WITH EVERY ACTIVITY BELOW

DROP US A LINE ASAP INDICATING WHEN YOU CAN HELP FOR THE FOLLOWING:

TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 - 7.30-9PM - PTFA AGM AND MEETING

SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2022 - 11AM-2PM - NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE We are still accepting logo'd uniform via school reception

THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 - 7PM - BAR FOR MAIDENHEAD CONCERT BAND

FRIDAY  $15^{TH}$  JULY 2022 - 200 CLUB DRAW Final draw of the academic year



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





# Graduate PE Assistant – Fixed Term Contract of One Year to start 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Full time, 37 hours a week – 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4pm on a Friday (including half hour unpaid break) Monday to Friday, Term Time Only Actual salary range £18,580-£19,720pa depending on experience

Are you a keen sports player with experience of coaching young people? We are looking for a dynamic individual to join our thriving PE department and immerse themselves in all aspects of sporting life in school. You would be responsible for supporting vulnerable students and students with additional needs within PE lessons as well as planning for and coaching at extra-curricular sports clubs for all students. Organising home and away sports fixtures, using social media to communicate sporting success and getting involved in day-to-day departmental activities are important parts of this role. Taking ownership for researching and securing funding to finance extra-curricular activities as well as developing and sourcing new links with schools and local sports clubs are also key.

We are looking for a team player who enjoys working with minimum supervision, using their initiative and who might be interested in joining our teacher training programme in the future. For further information and an application form please refer to the vacancies section of our school website <u>www.furzeplatt.com</u>.

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For further information about this role and in order to complete a **Support Staff Application Form** please refer to our school website <u>www.furzeplatt.com</u>. Application forms should be returned to <u>Joanne.lathambrash@furzeplatt.net</u>. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered. For further information about teacher training and Teach Maidenhead please refer to <u>www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk</u>

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 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am Interviews will take place as soon as possible after the closing date



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# 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 .....

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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?

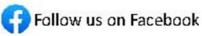
Imagine how you could develop their knowledge of the fascinating worlds of science, arts, technology, languages or humanities when you become an inspiring teacher.

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

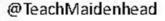
Find further advice for prospective applicants on the Get into Teaching website.

To apply for teacher training Click Here









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### Cookham, Maidenhead and The Lawns Nursery School Federation

c/o Maidenhead Nursery School, School Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 7PG



### **Maidenhead Nursery School**

### **Require a Learning Support & Lunch Club Assistant**

Role: Learning Support & Lunch Club Assistant (Fixed term contract to July 2023)

Hours: Monday to Friday – 9.00am to 1.00pm, term time only

Salary: £11.74 per hour

#### Commencing: September 2022

The children, staff and Governing Body of Cookham, Maidenhead and the Lawns Nursery School Federation are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and reflective Learning Support Assistant, who has a passion for play based Early Years Education. The role is based at Maidenhead Nursery School and will involve working with all children including those with additional needs. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate that they have an understanding of play based education and the attitude and ability to work successfully with young children.

#### What can we offer you?

- The opportunity to work in an outstanding setting that upholds a play based ethos
  - Support from a very experienced Early Years team
    - Training related to the role

The staff and children at our school would be delighted to show you around if you would like to visit us. Please telephone or email the school to arrange.

Cookham, Maidenhead and the Lawns Nursery School Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our children. All appointments will be subject to an enhanced full DBS check and references will be taken up before interviews.

For further information and application packs please contact Maidenhead Nursery School on 01628 623551 or via email: MaidenheadNursery@eyfed.org.uk

#### Closing date for applications: Friday 10th June 2022

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### Cookham, Maidenhead and The Lawns Nursery School Federation

c/o Maidenhead Nursery School, School Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 7PG



### **Maidenhead Nursery School**

### **Require a Lunch Club Assistant**

Role: Lunch Club Assistant (Fixed term contract to July 2023)

Hours: 11.30am to 12.30pm - Monday to Friday, term time only (Job share considered)

Salary: £11.62 per hour

#### Commencing: September 2022

We require a dedicated Lunch Club Assistant to work under the direction of Nursery staff to provide a safe, enjoyable atmosphere in which the children can eat their lunch and socialise with their friends. Experience of working with young children is essential.

#### You will need to be:

- Caring and understanding of the needs of young children
- Enthusiastic about providing quality interactions with children
  - Committed to positive behaviour management
  - An adaptable, flexible and professional team member.

Above all you will need to enjoy working with children.

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#### Interviews: Week commencing Monday 13th June 2022

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