

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

## Term 6 and Our New Behaviour Systems

I hope that you and your families all had a wonderful Half Term. As our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Sheppard, shared with students, parents and carers before the break, we have started Term 6 with a new behavioural system. From my discussions this week, it is evident how positively this has been received by our community as we restate our expectations as a school. Staff, students, parents and carers have all talked about the improved standards of behaviour and uniform.



At the heart of the behaviour reset is a focus on the many students getting it right every lesson, day in, day out. Looking through the data at the end of the week, it is brilliant to see how many ACHIEVE points students have obtained. These far outweigh any negatives. It is our intention to encourage even more positivity through a series of weekly and termly prizes. This started today with the presentation of doughnuts to tutor groups Dorney 4, Dorney 3 and Windsor 1, who from Monday to Thursday received the most ACHIEVE points. There will be more to come next week.



DORNEY 4



DORNEY 3



WINDSOR 1

On the other side of the scale are the sanctions. Our new system is far more instant with students receiving more immediate consequences for negative actions. This aims to



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

## Next week (Week 1)

## Forthcoming Events (Term 6)

THU 23  
JUNE

INSET DAY - School closed

PiXL Build Up Celebration Evening

6.00pm

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

help students quickly recognise and address their poor behaviour.

All parents and carers can track their child's rewards and sanctions via the Class Charts App, details of which have been sent to parents/carers and can be found using the following link:

## CLASS CHARTS LOGIN

or search 'Class Charts Parents'. I hope the App gives you the chance to actively engage with your children about their school days.

## Laptops for Learning

As I reported in the newsletter several weeks ago, we have launched our Laptops for Learning initiative, wherein each student has a laptop for school, with current Year 6 and 9 parents and carers ready for a September launch. Thank you to all parents and carers who have responded. If you are yet to do so we kindly request that you respond by the end of this Sunday (12 June).



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## Examinations

Yet again I have been impressed with how students have approached their examinations this week. Our students are showing an impressive focus, including several who have overcome a sickness bug and persevered with the exams. Please do praise students as well as helping them keep going.

Take care,

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

## REMINDERS: 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



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 [debbie.feather@furzeplatt.net](mailto:debbie.feather@furzeplatt.net)

Mrs D Feather, Raising Achievement Manager

LINK TO GCSE POD ACTIVITIES



## MEAT FREE MONDAY

MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June we are trialling a 'Meat free Monday' in the café. There will be a whole selection of delicious vegetarian dishes to try. Please come along and support Furze Platt's first ever Meat free Monday.



Having at least one plant-based day a week is a fun and easy way to do something good for the planet and our future.

30

It can take 30 bathtubs of water to produce just one beefburger

100

An area of rainforest the size of a hundred football pitches is cut down every hour to create room for grazing cattle

1/3

Almost a third of all land on Earth is used for livestock production

Please support Meat Free Monday on 20<sup>th</sup> June to do your bit for the planet!

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Our wild flower meadow planted by the Eco committee and Mrs Holmes is beginning to flower and is going to look spectacular. Many thanks to everyone involved.



## FUNDRAISING EVENT – THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Thank you to the Maidenhead Advertiser for featuring our Fundraising event on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July, here is the article written by our Theatre Manager Mrs Marissa Holden:

### READ THE ARTICLE HERE

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. 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](mailto:catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net).

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

Ofsted 2021



### EARLY BREAK TIMES FOR ALL STUDENTS

Due to exams, second break times will be moved to 12.45am – 1.15pm up to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Please note 23<sup>rd</sup> June is an INSET day but school will be open for Exam students that day.





## INVITATIONS TO CLUBS FOR TERM 6

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations on the last day of Term 5 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](mailto: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.

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 changes for this term:

- Psychology GCSE has been changed to Monday 3.30-4.30pm
- Supervised Study will be in IT2 and IT3 during the GCSE exam period.

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

*Ofsted 2021*

## SUPERVISED STUDY

(Homework Club)

Do you need a place to

- Revise
- Do homework
- Do school work?

3.15pm – 4.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Monday – IT2

Tuesday – IT3

Wednesday – IT2

Thursday – IT2

Friday – IT2



*Sign up on EvolveClubs or talk to Miss Gorton in RA*

Every Friday afternoon the list of clubs for the following week is updated on our website here:

**SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS  
SCHEDULE 2022**



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## FINAL 6 WEEKS OF THE YEAR...

## FINAL PUSH TO FUNDRAISE FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

### HOW DO THE PTFA RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHILDREN? WELL, HERE'S A QUICK REMINDER...



1. Online non event schemes: Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising. Donate for free while shopping from your sofa. This quarter we have raised **£43.47** through Amazon Smile and **£109.40** through Easyfundraising. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. *If you have not registered already, then please click through now:*

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/287878-0>

<https://bit.ly/393NF8R+>



2. Online quarterly draw: 200 CLUB. This is our primary fundraiser and we actively invite you to join. For a little as £5 a month (less than 2 Costa coffees a month!) you could win £200 four times a year. There is no contract (like your mobile or energy supplier) so you are in full control. Which plan suits you?

<https://donorbox.org/furze-platt-senior-school-ptfa-200-club-monthly>

<https://donorbox.org/furze-platt-senior-school-ptfa-200-club-annual>



3. Physical Events: Uniform Sales, Bar and Refreshment Sales, The Big Quiz.

**HELP NEEDED - WE CAN'T RUN THESE EVENTS WITHOUT YOU! PLEASE EMAIL US ASAP:**

[ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net)



SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2022 – 11AM-2PM  
NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE

**Logo'd uniform needed via school reception**



THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 – 7PM

BAR FOR MAIDENHEAD CONCERT BAND

**TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 – 7PM FOR 7.30PM**

PTFA AGM AND GENERAL MEETING - SCHOOL LIBRARY - ALL WELCOME!

At least 6 individuals are required to attend the AGM so Nominations are constituted as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. To stand as an Officer or to nominate someone, please get in touch before the 28<sup>th</sup> June: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net)



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

[ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) <https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa> <https://bit.ly/39u6vFv>

## Learning Mentor

### Start Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 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](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [Joanne.Latham-Brash@furzeplatt.net](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 9.00am**  
**Interviews will take place: as soon as possible after the closing date**

**CURRENT VACANCIES**



## Science Technician Level Three - Chemistry To start 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Permanent, Part time, 35 hours a week, start time 8.30am, finish time 4pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only  
Actual salary £17,575 - £19,025pa depending on experience

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The science technician team at Furze Platt currently consists of six staff members who work across two science prep rooms. We are looking for someone to join the team and contribute to the provision of technical support to members of the science teaching team to enable them to achieve the targets set out in the Science Department Plan.

You will be involved in a whole range of tasks primarily with a focus on the chemistry side of science including preparing Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 5 practical lessons and taking a lead in ensuring the prep rooms are kept in a tidy condition and that all preparations for practical lessons meet safety requirements. You will prepare paper resources for Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 start of topic criteria resources, and end of topic tests, oversee safety checks, and keep up to date records as well as prepare and co-ordinate cover work for Cover Supervisors in the absence of teachers. You will take responsibility for the management of the prep rooms, including safety elements on the rare occasions that the Lead/Assistant Lead Technicians are absent. Training will be provided where there are gaps, and you will be surrounded by a supportive team.

If you have a GCSE or equivalent in chemistry, have acquired knowledge and an understanding of chemistry through working in an educational environment and would enjoy working in a school where every day brings new challenges, and provides an opportunity to grow your already established skill set then we would love to hear from you. You need to have good communication skills and be able to work effectively as part of a team. An ability to prioritise and work under pressure to meet tight deadlines is paramount as well as a sense of humour and team spirit.

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## 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

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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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# 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 .....

# TEACH MAIDENHEAD



## Interested in training to teach?

TEACH  
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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)

[Find further advice for prospective applicants on the Get into Teaching website.](#)

To apply for teacher training [Click Here](#)

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**St. Luke's Nursery, Cookham Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7EG**

**Tel: 01628 621600**

**Nursery Spaces for September 2022 (3 & 4 year olds inc' rising 3s)**

**Monday to Friday (Term time only)**

**Open 8.45am—3.30pm—Morning and Afternoon sessions**

**(Extended hours 8.00am-8.45am)**

St. Luke's Nursery is an outstanding setting combining fun, creativity and learning experiences for all who attend. Our dedicated team are always seeking inspirational ways to engage and excite children. Please contact our main School Office for application details and to arrange a visit, applications can also be found on [www.st-lukesprimary.com](http://www.st-lukesprimary.com)

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# **RUGBY -IT'S FOR GIRLS!**

## **FREE TASTER SESSION**

for beginners or anyone  
wanting to improve  
their skills and fitness  
- and to have fun!

**11:00AM  
SUNDAY 19 JUNE 2022**

**AGES 10,11,12,13,14,15 WELCOME**



**At Maidenhead RFC, Braywick, SL6 1BN**

For further info and to register mail us at : [MRFCgirlsrugby@gmail.com](mailto:MRFCgirlsrugby@gmail.com)

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# Open Day // 18th June

Join us at ASC Reading on 18th June for our annual Open Day!

This is the perfect opportunity to give our activities a try before the summer season. Book a space on a 2 hour taster session or pre-register for a 30 minute drop-in session.

Come along to try:

- Sailing
- Windsurfing
- Wingsurfing
- Paddleboarding

Booking via the QR code or email any questions to [reading@andrewsimpsoncentres.org](mailto:reading@andrewsimpsoncentres.org)



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