

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #67.8



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

School Fundraiser – Maidenhead Concert Band

We are incredibly fortunate to have Maidenhead Concert Band (with students and staff) playing a fundraising concert for us on Thursday 14th July. It promises to be

a fantastically entertaining evening and I look forward to seeing many of you at this event.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE

Senior Student Interviews

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of interviewing those students who have applied to be our Senior Students and lead our student body next year. Firstly, I would like to thank and congratulate all those who put themselves forward for a rigorous selection process including presentation to their peers, letter of application and interview with myself and Mr Ging, Head of Sixth Form.

Our students were highly impressive articulating their ideas for FPSS and the impact they can make next academic year. It was an incredibly hard decision, but I look forward to working with our Senior Students to help shape FPSS over the next twelve months.

Our New Behaviour Systems

Thank you to all parents and carers who are using the new App to support our work on behaviour. The new systems are leading to many constructive conversations about how we support students in school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Enrichment Afternoons

Since our return from the various lockdowns, we have been encouraging students to sample some of our many extra-



Next week (Week 1)

MON 27 JUNE	Year 5 Open Morning	
TUE 28 JUNE	Year 7 Enrichment Afternoon P4-5 (early break 2: 12.45-1.15)	
	PTFA Meeting/AGM (Main Reception Meeting Room)	7.30pm - 9.00pm
WED 29 JUNE	Year 11 Graduation	4.00pm - 6pm
THU 30 JUNE	Year 11 Prom	7.00pm - 10.30pm
FRI 1 JULY	INSET DAY - School closed	

Forthcoming Events (Term 6)

SAT 2 JULY	PTFA Nearly New Sale	11.00am - 2.00pm
TUE 5	Year 6 Taster Day 1	
JULY	Year 6 Parents Q&A/Drop-In Evening	6.30pm - 8.00pm
WED 6 JULY	Year 6 Taster Day 2	
THU 7 - FRI 8 JULY	Year 12 Taster Days	

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curricular clubs and societies. FPSS has a lot to offer, and we want students to follow their passions and interests. To support this further I am delighted to say that our enrichment afternoons return next week with Year 7 students able to try a variety of activities. I hope that students enjoy these fabulous afternoons.

Year 12 PPEs

Good luck to all our students who are sitting their PPE examinations next week.

Take care,

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





DISTRICT ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our PE team had the pleasure of taking almost 70 students below to the District Athletics Championships at TVAC in Eton this week, where we competed against nine other RBWM schools.

Below are the final standings of each team event (we are still waiting on the individual results). Students performed brilliantly; cheering each other on, stepping in for events that were not their own when somebody was injured, being respectful and polite to all staff members there and thoroughly enjoying being able to attend an event that has not taken place for the previous two years due to Covid.

Year 7 boys = 4 th
Year 7 girls = 3 rd
Year 8 boys = 5 th
Year 8 girls = 2 nd
Year 9 boys = 4 th
Year 9 girls = 3 rd
Year 10 boys = 4^{th}
Year 10 girls = 3 rd

Year 9	Year 10
Emma Astrup McGuinness	Caitlin Bennett
Namfon Avellano	Jack Britton
Danielle Beckley	Isaac Cozens
Holly Cannon	Alex Delahaye
Samuel Cranch	Sylvie Dominte
Yassir El Moudden Afilal	Emily Dutton
Connor Fitzgibbon	Grace Gibson
Courtney Harris	Lena Holmes
Harry James	Sadie Huddleston
Lily Slater	Tia Mattingley
Sophie McLachlan	Lennon Moore
Freya Stevenson	Ethan Osborne
Annabelle Stratford	Ruby-Jay Pickering
Theo Streatfield	Amelia Russell
Matej Sutton	Jayden Taylor
Alfie Wiggins	Kacper Wrobel

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FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

Wednesday 13th July

Students in Years 8 and 9 will have an assembly on the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards on Wednesday 13th July.

Parents will be invited to attend an online Teams meeting at 6pm on the same day.

The link will be open from 5.45pm: https:// teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19% 3ameeting NzFhMjg0NGQtZmVkZS00MzMwLWI2YzgtZmE5Zjlw NDAxOGFk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a% 2202e8caba-b299-40c1-ad54-3dd4102d40ae%22%2c%22Oid% 22%3a%221637dfa5-7705-483e-b228-814b8d5a2542%22%7d



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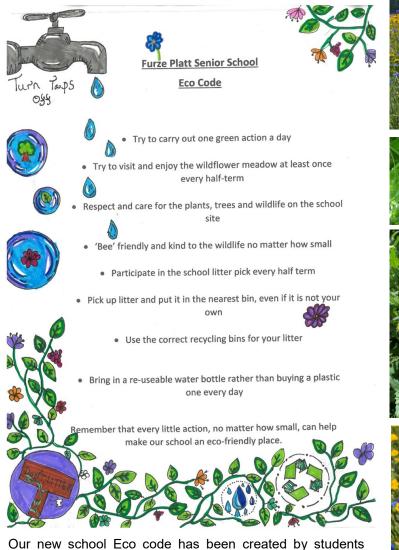
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BEFOREandAFTER

Below are pictures from the wildflower meadow planted by the Eco committee. They are 'blooming' marvellous and when Miss Holmes visited this week it was a hive of activity with bees and dragonflies enjoying the flowers.



Our new school Eco code has been created by students within the Eco committee and designed by Amy-Jayne Macey in Year 7. The Eco code is a whole school promise to try and look after and protect our school environment, with actions reflecting the topics that the Eco committee have been working on throughout the year.

We have just submitted our Eco schools application and are eagerly awaiting their response to see if we have achieved our Green Flag award!

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FUNDRAISING EVENT – THURSDAY 14TH JULY



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: <u>catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net</u>.

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH FUNKIN' SOULED OUT FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Come and celebrate after the long summer break with a gig on Friday September 16th at our Furze Platt Theatre.

Local band Funkin' Souled Out will be performing everything from James Brown to Donna Summer, Rose Royce to Diana Ross, the Jacksons to Jamiroquai, and lots more in between. This promises to be a fun filled chance to boogie, have a drink and enjoy this eight piece band playing a range of funk and disco hits. The band will be supported by another local group, Watershed, and tickets are just £12.50 each, so book your tickets here:

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

We're hoping to hold more gigs at the theatre this autumn, so watch this space.

Mrs M Holden, Theatre Manager

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

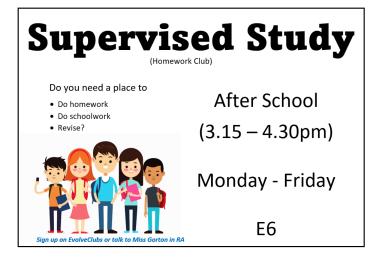
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INVITATIONS TO CLUBS FOR TERM 6

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 <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 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

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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.

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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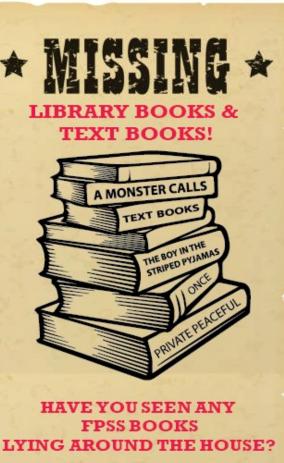
Frank McGrath, Year 12, has been selected to represent Berkshire in the Senior Boys 1500m at the English Schools. It is to be held in Manchester on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th July.

Frank also won Silver at the recent Northern Ireland National Championships over 1500m and Gold in the Senior Men's Berkshire Championships 1500m He has also lowered his 800m time to 1:58 with many track races still to go.

A great result – well done Frank!

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PARENT SEARCHER REQUIRED TO SEARCH BOOK SHELVES, UNDER BEDS AND BEDROOM FLOORS FOR LOST SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS.



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We have some exciting job opportunities to start in September. Please click here for more details.

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Charity Number 287878

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE AND A REQUEST FOR HELPERS...



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Uniform Sales, Bar and Refreshment Sales, The Big Quiz. HELP NEEDED - WE CAN'T RUN THESE EVENTS WITHOUT YOU! PLEASE EMAIL US ASAP: <u>ptfa@furzeplatt.net</u>

SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2022 – I I AM-2PM NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE

Logo'd uniform needed via school reception

THURSDAY 14TH JULY 2022 – 7PM BAR FOR MAIDENHEAD CONCERT BAND Helpers needed!



TUESDAY 28[™] JUNE 2022 – 7PM FOR 7.30PM

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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^{th} June: <u>ptfa@furzeplatt.net</u>





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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





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

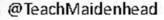
Find further advice for prospective applicants on the Get into Teaching website.

To apply for teacher training Click Here

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Struggling with the cost of living?





If you are struggling financially and having to make difficult decisions – help is available.

Please visit www.rbwm.gov.uk/here-to-help to see what support might be available to you. If you aren't online, call 01628 683800 or visit your library





Players needed for local football team

FC Holyport Hurricanes U13's are looking for new players who are currently in year 7.

We will be moving to 11-a side next season, with games on Saturdays in the East Berks league and training locally on a Thursday evening.

Training will be held throughout the summer so plenty of opportunity to join us for a trial session!

We are a very friendly group and focussed on making sure the players have fun but also develop their football skills.

For further details please contact David Richardson on: 07523 904680

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Magpies in the Community Apprenticeship

Be part of a new exciting journey in your sports coaching career working with Magpies in the Community and being a Magpies Apprentices.

Learn new and valuable skills to gain experience which will support your journey through sports coaching and find your best way up the coaching ladder.

QUALIFICATIONS

The Magpies in the Community Apprentice will gain:

- Level 4 Sports Coach Award
- Multi Skills Qualification
- Football Level 1 Qualification

Extras include; Magpies Kit, Valuable experience working in the community and school setting with our fully qualified coaches.





WHAT YOU WILL NEED?

• Positive attitude

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- Enthusiastic and goal-orientated
- Respectful and clear communicator

WHEN WILL YOU START?

The Apprenticeship will start July/August 2022. This Educational programme will be starting in September 2022. Community placements will follow.

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

TO APPLY:

Please send your CV and a covering letter detailing why you would be appropriate for this role.

Applicants to send CV and Cover Letter to Mark Nisbet at mark.nisbet@maidenheadunitedfc.org by Wednesday 30th June 2022

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