

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Sixth Form Open Evening

Next Thursday 24th November we welcome Year 11 from FPSS and beyond for our Sixth Form Open Evening. We look forward to meeting many existing and new students and showing them the wide range of courses on offer for post-16 studies. The evening starts at 6pm for external students and 6.20pm for current FPSS Year 11 students.

As ever, our existing students, parents and carers are some of the best advocates for FPSS, so please encourage family and friends with sons or daughters in Year 11 to attend.

I look forward to meeting you next week.

Careers and Higher Education Fair

The following Tuesday, 29th November, we are holding our Careers and Higher Education Fair at school between 5 and 7pm. This evening is a must for our Year 9-13 students and their parents and booking is not needed for this event.

Our Careers and Higher Education Fair guests so far:

- 22 universities
- 3 local colleges
- Apprenticeships
- Architecture
- Armed forces – Army, Navy, RAF
- Chartered Surveyors
- Childcare
- Computing/IT
- Construction
- Engineering
- Entrepreneurism
- Events Management
- Finance
- Horticulture and Garden Design
- Hospitality – Catering
- Hospitality – Hotel
- Law Careers
- Marketing
- Midwifery
- Motor Trade
- NHS Careers
- Performing Arts
- Police
- Sport and Leisure
- Sciences - various
- Teaching – Primary
- Teaching - Secondary
- Travel Agent



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next week (Week 1)

Forthcoming Events

THU 24 NOVEMBER	Sixth Form Open Evening	6pm - 9pm
FRI 25 NOVEMBER	Late start 9.15am	
MON 28 NOVEMBER	INSET DAY - school closed for all year groups	
TUE 29 NOVEMBER	Careers & Higher Education Fair	5pm - 7pm
THU 1 DECEMBER	Year 12 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Please note, stallholders may be subject to change.

It promises to be an informative evening with the Hall and Theatre filled with representatives from employers, colleges, universities, apprenticeships and much more.

Take care,

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

CHEF 2022 PROGRAMME

Careers & Higher Education Fair

CHEF 2022

Tuesday 29th November
5pm – 7pm

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
6PM - 9PM

2022



YOUNG CARERS AND PREVIOUSLY LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

Young Carers

As a community we are aware that a number of our young people provide a caring role within the family home. There are currently 800, 000 young carers in England alone.

A young carer is defined as someone under the age of 18 who looks after a family member or friend who has a physical or mental health condition or who is dealing with addiction. This may be a parent, sibling or another adult living within the family home.

We recognise that young carers are providing vital support for their loved ones and may wish to access some additional support via the school. We are able to offer support from in school services or from the specialist young carers service, Family Action Young Carers.

If your child is a young carer and you would like to make the school aware or access further support for your child please contact Miss L Lewis (Assistant Headteacher KS3) laura.lewis@furzeplatt.net

Previously Looked After Children

If your child is adopted or living with you under a Special Guardianship or Child Arrangements Order, the school will be able to claim additional funding each year to support their social, emotional and academic needs. If your child meets this criteria and the school is unaware, notifying us could help your child received the additional support they are entitled to.

The Department for Education requires the school to be provided with evidence of the child's status such as the relevant legal order. Please be ensured that such evidence and information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Miss L Lewis is the schools Designated Teacher for Looked After and Post Looked After Students and can provide support and guidance for students and their families. Please contact laura.lewis@furzeplatt.net if you would like to discuss further.

FEEDBACK FOR YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending the Year 11 parents evening before half term. If you have not already completed the brief feedback form on last term's Year 11 Parents' Evening we would be grateful if you could fill in the following survey:

Thank you.

Miss L Stirling, Associate Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 11 PARENT SURVEY



FURZE PLATT TALENT SHOW

TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 5-6.30pm

Furze Platt is putting on a Talent Show!

We are looking for 3 performances (single or in groups) from each House to compete in our Talent Show on Tuesday 13th December in the Theatre, after school from 5-6:30pm. Tickets will be available to book online for free but donations will be collected on the door and the money will go to the winner's House Charity.

There are points and prizes up for grabs:

- 10 points for any students who audition
- 25 points for the 3 finalists from each House
- £30 Amazon voucher for the winner
- 1000 points for the winning House, 600 for 2nd, 400 for 3rd, 200 for 4th place.
- Eliminators will be held during tutor time w/c 5th December. More details will follow soon.
- Students can audition in a group or on their own.
- Their talent could be singing, playing an instrument, dancing, comedy, a drama performance, or anything else you can think of.
- Sign up is via student's tutors.

Judges: Headteacher Dr Morrison, House Competition Co-ordinator Mrs McElligott and Guest Judge / Performer Wayne Dixon, CCiS (Christian Connector in Schools).

Good luck to everyone who auditions!

SIXTH FORM HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our Sixth Form House Captains:

YEAR	OSPREYS	FALCONS
12 & 13	Tilly Connolly Isabelle Cowell Aleesha Agha Poppy Butler	Aela Martin Bella Powell Matthew Goodwin Laura Mekla

YEAR	EAGLES	HAWKS
12 & 13	Daisy Rippon Tilly Adaway Jess Fraser Melissa Hing	Madeleine Sellman Finley Cozens Harriet Evans Harriet Thomas



INVITATIONS TO CLUBS FOR TERM 2 (NOVEMBER TO CHRISTMAS 2022)

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations via email on Friday 21st October to attend clubs for their son/ daughter for next 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.

MY EVOLVE

Parents and carers may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc – you can do this from the club or academic support clinic emails sent to you in two easy steps:

1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs/clinics
2. Click 'create account' button.

A list of clubs is updated every Friday afternoon on our website here:

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

French Language Assistant

To start as soon as possible

Permanent. Part time, 7 hours a week as Language Assistant, 1 hour a week administration. Days of work and start and finish times vary. Term time only
Actual salary £4,850 - £5,220 pa 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 offer a friendly and harmonious campus, and we support the physical and mental wellbeing of all our staff. Discounted membership is available for the use of a fully equipped and well-maintained gym on-site. All staff have access to an employee advice programme which offers information, resources and a counselling service. We reward long service and encourage community spirit and staff involvement through various social events including orienteering, murder mystery quizzes, sports after school and a Furze Platt fantasy football league. Tea and coffee are free, and freshly brewed coffee is available in the main staff room at break times with edible treats to help you through the week!

We are looking for someone to work alongside our Foreign Language Teachers and provide classroom support to KS3, KS4 and KS5 students with their French language work. You would also prepare for and conduct one-to-one sessions / small group work to help students prepare for their GCSE or A-Level French oral examination / undertake general intervention work as directed by class teachers. You would also have the opportunity to support teachers with marking for literacy and moderation, including students' essays and practise exam papers. An hour a week is available for administration which includes but is not limited to planning, filing and a small amount of data input. You would be supported by the Head of Modern Foreign Languages who would meet with you every other week.

If you are a native French speaker who is interested in French foreign affairs, literature, film and other topics and if you enjoy working with children and young people on a flexible and varied timetable, we would love to hear from you. The timetable for this role is set annually in accordance with requirements.

For further information about this role and in order 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.

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: ongoing
Suitable candidates will be interviewed upon receipt of application forms

CURRENT VACANCIES

Exam Invigilators – to start as soon as possible

Term time only, casual contract. Actual salary £11.62 per hour (inclusive of holiday pay)

Furze Platt Senior School is looking to add to their bank of dedicated Exam Invigilators, who will be employed on a casual basis to supervise students taking both pre-public exams and actual GCSE/A Level exams, as necessary throughout the school year.

We are looking for individuals who:

- Are available to work on an ad hoc basis to cover pre-public exams which take place at various times during the academic year and official exam sessions during May and June.
- Able to work individually and as part of a team
- Have good interpersonal skills
- Remain calm under pressure
- Are able to follow all instructions including those set by the Exam Board

Full training will be provided, and staff will be contacted prior to the exam period to discuss the invigilation schedule in relation to their own availability.

Please visit our website www.furzeplatt.com for an application form or contact Mrs Sarah Hemsley via sarah.hemsley@furzeplatt.net for further information. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered. All applications need to be submitted to kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net.

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CURRENT VACANCIES



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PTFA IN THE BIG QUIZ 11 – WE RAISED **£1331!**

Fifteen teams gathered in Furze Platt Senior School hall last Friday evening to pit their wits against each other in BIG QUIZ 11.

The eight school subject-based rounds began with combined Games and Geography (identify the flags of 18 Football World Cup nations) before testing teams on their knowledge of (recent) History, Politics and a pre School Dinner Food Tech round of 'Guess the Pringles Flavours'.

Fortunately, this didn't spoil appetites for some delicious giant pan-cooked food, before the timetable continued with Media Studies, PSHE, Music (naming as many Number 1 artists from the '80s as possible) and concluding with an enlightening round of English Lit (don't believe all the lyrics you hear!).



The teams were kept hydrated by a team of PTFA volunteers running the bar, and tested by quizmasters David 'Oz' Osborne, John Willson, Gareth Ebenezer and Chair of Governors Hugh Steed. Congratulations to the winning team, 'Ofsted', and thanks to all who took part in the quiz and fund-raising raffle organised by PTFA Chair Lorraine Hughes – the PTFA is grateful for the funds raised, all of which will go to good use in supporting and enhancing our children's experience at FPSS.

SO, NOW IT'S TIME FOR REFLECTION:

WWW (what went well), EBI (even better if), NS (next steps).

Please email us your feedback: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

MATCHED FUNDING SCHEMES

FREE FUNDS FROM EMPLOYERS FOR REGISTERED CHARITIES, LIKE US.

Now is the perfect time to apply to your employer to match or contribute to our fundraising efforts, e.g. the Quiz and/or 200 Club. This is a simple way to maximise the fundraising efforts of your PTFA volunteers.



Generally speaking, banks and building societies, insurance companies, supermarkets, utilities providers, phone companies and car manufacturers are known to offer match-funding schemes.

A match funding scheme can be adopted by any company no matter how big or small. Barclays, for example, offers its employees the opportunity to match funds they raise for their chosen charity.

Please let us know the details your company require by emailing us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

Below excerpt from the website of Hutchinson 3G UK: <https://www.three.co.uk/social-commitment/community>

Community Fund

The Community Fund aims to help the organisations and groups that mean a lot to our people. That's why each month, our employees nominate up to 5 local charities to receive £500 from us. Since the Fund launched in 2012, we've donated over £250,000 to organisations nationwide.

Volunteering is a great way to support the causes we're passionate about. That's why at Three, our people can take 3 days' paid leave to volunteer, every year.

HELP STILL NEEDED

- * Replacement Officers, Chair and Secretary, required from January 2023
- * Media Secretary to write Newsletters and post on Facebook, asap
- * Helpers to run the refreshments table and bar for Concerts and External Hires

Please email PTFA Chair, Lorraine, for more details: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

ONLINE FUNDRAISERS

Easyfundraising.org -



Free cash to the PTFA - it won't cost you a penny (albeit 3 minutes on your device) - no spam!

These donations really mount up, so please watch this video of how to sign up and click through to support Furze Platt Senior School PTFA:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/assets/bltfbe7134e97e5604a/MAR-8717-Rebrand-How-it-works-video.mp4>

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/furzeplattsenior/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-n1

Amazon.Smile - When first visiting smile.amazon.co.uk, customers are prompted to select a charitable organisation. Amazon will give 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT and other shipping fees) of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Furze Platt Senior School PTFA, click through here:

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

smile.amazon.co.uk

Anyone need uniform or have a 200 Club query?

- * Email Carina on PTFAUniform@furzeplatt.net
- * Email Gill on PTFA200Club@furzeplatt.net

We appreciate your feedback and welcome comments and ideas by phone call **01628 625308**, by email ptfa@furzeplatt.net and through our Facebook Page facebook.com/fpsptfa



Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?

If you're struggling due to the rising cost of living and facing difficult decisions around food, rent or heating, please remember to seek support before you reach crisis point.

The Royal Borough's 'Here to Help' campaign is continuing to highlight the latest local and national support that can help residents struggling with the rising cost of living, including support from community partners.

'Here to Help' first launched in May and brings together a range of cost of living support from the council and various partners onto [one dedicated webpage](#), covering **energy and water bills, rent, council tax, food, childcare, school meals, benefits and more.**

If you are struggling financially, please check out the dedicated 'Here to Help' webpage as soon as possible, contact the council, your landlord and energy supplier, to see what help might be available to you. If you don't have online access, you can also use the public-access computers at local libraries or call 01628 683800.

Safe, warm spaces for the community

Did you know that there is an emerging network of safe, warm spaces within the borough where people in need can go this winter for advice and support? Visit <https://rbwmtogether.rbwm.gov.uk/warm-safe-spaces-map> for a map of locations and further details.

In addition, all local libraries are safe places for the community. You are welcome to visit to use library facilities, explore the 'Here to Help' website on the public-access computers and speak with a librarian for advice around cost of living support and/or getting online.

'Here to Help' is run with the support of key partners including social landlords Abri and Housing Solutions, NHS Frimley, and voluntary and community sector partners, Foodshare Maidenhead, Windsor Foodshare, Driven Forward, The Baby Bank, Age UK, The Spoore, Merry and Rixman Foundation, Re:Charge R&R, Cranstoun, Citizens Advice, All Soul's Church in South Ascot, and Wraysbury and Horton Warm Winter Initiative.

CHRISTMAS 2022
19-22 DECEMBER

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

Easter, Summer Christmas

Funded by the Department for Education


FOR CHILDREN WITH ACCESS TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS



**The Royal Borough of
Windsor and Maidenhead**

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**FREE WEEKLY
CRICKET SESSIONS
FURZE PLATT
LEISURE CENTRE
TUESDAY 4:30PM-
6PM**



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