

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

## Sixth Form Open Evening

Thank you to all students, parents and carers who supported our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday. We were incredibly busy and I would like to thank all those students and staff who were excellent ambassadors for FPSS.



It was great to see so many FPSS Year 11, as well as those from elsewhere. We look forward to receiving your applications!



**SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS**

**APPLICATIONS TO SIXTH FORM**

## Careers and Higher Education Fair

One big event follows another with our Careers and Higher Education Fair next Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (5-7pm). It promises to be a fantastic evening with many employers, colleges, universities and much more. I am sure that we will see many of our Year 9-13 students in attendance.

INSET Day – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Finally, a reminder that next Monday we are closed to students for staff training. We will be focused on developing a range of teaching techniques to support learning across FPSS.

Take care,

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

## Next week (Week 2)

<b>MON 28</b> NOVEMBER	<b>INSET DAY - school closed for all year groups</b>	
<b>TUE 29</b> NOVEMBER	Careers & Higher Education Fair	5pm - 7pm
<b>THU 1</b> DECEMBER	Year 12 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm

## Forthcoming Events

<b>WED 7</b> DECEMBER	Christmas Concert	7.30pm - 9.30pm
<b>THU 8</b> DECEMBER	Year 13 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm

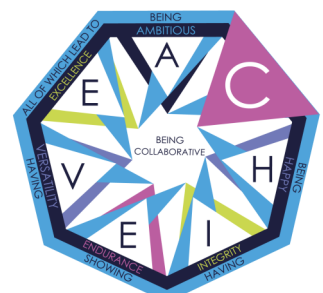
## SCHOOL TERM DATES

## Careers &amp; Higher Education Fair

**CHEF**  
**2022**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**5pm – 7pm**

## CHEF 2022 PROGRAMME



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 7:30PM

Furze Platt's Christmas concert in December is the time of year when our students demonstrate their ability to achieve excellence in a showcase of the music making from the first term of the year.

The concert will have a range of different music from Disney Classics through to Boy Band Mashups ending with audience participation of the Christmas Favourites.

Tickets go on sale next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December for £5.

TICKET SALES OPEN FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> DEC

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT



WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER 2022

7.30PM - 9.30PM

- 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 form tutors.

### Judges:

- Dr Andrew Morrison, Headteacher
- Kate Kalinowski, Head of Performing Arts
- Wayne Dixon, CCiS Lead (Christian Connector in Schools).
- Sam Williams – Ex-student and London-based comedy writer and stand-up

Good luck to everyone who auditions!



## FURZE PLATT TALENT SHOW

TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 400 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 200 for 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- Eliminators will be held during tutor time w/c 5<sup>th</sup> December. More details will follow soon.





## CAREERS FORTNIGHT

From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Furze Platt has been embracing careers fortnight. Each department has created specific tasks linked to careers that will be taught across the two weeks.

- In PE students have been allocated roles linked to careers and have really embraced being Sports Journalists, Technique Coaches, Sports Analysts, Managers and more.
- In Psychology students have been researching using the British Psychological Society and careers linked to clinical Psychologists.
- In English students have been creating performance poetry, acting as publishers, creating PR campaigns, understanding the work of a poet, and writing articles as newspaper and magazine journalists.
- In Geography students have been completing carousel tasks that research Geography related careers and understanding how to research effectively.
- In Maths students have had a lesson to solve problems linked to careers.
- In Science students have been completing careers quizzes to find out which Science career is best suited to them.
- In Music students have been exploring Music Therapy.
- In Drama students have been focussing on the skills the subject lets them practice and how it links to the workplace. In addition, students have had roles such as: director, set designer, lighting designer and performer.
- In Business Studies students have had an opportunity to complete an apprenticeship quiz and learn more about Business related jobs such as HR, Publicity Assistant and Hotel Managers.
- In MfL students have been looking at their careers passports to understand how languages supports many career options.
- In Philosophy and Religion students have been exploring the wide variety of careers that the skills

developed in the subject can support with.

- In PSHE students have been graphic designers and wellbeing champions for anti-smoking campaigns, financial ethics advisors and politicians. Students in Year 11 have had dedicated careers lessons exploring their future options, apprenticeships, universities, Colleges and Sixth Form.
- In Computer Science students have been looking at careers using iDEA. Creative iMedia and ICT students are gaining experience in post-education working environments.
- In History students have been exploring life aboard the Titanic and the role of Historians.

We hope students are having fun learning about future career options. We also look forward to seeing Y9-13 at the Careers and Higher Education Fair on Tuesday 29th November from 5-7pm. This will be in the main hall and theatre with two apprenticeship talks in 6.4 at 5:30 and 6:30pm. A huge thank you to Mrs Bubb, our careers advisor, for all of her work preparing for 40 employers, 22 Universities, 3 local colleges, and apprenticeships to be present on the evening.



Pictured: Year 7 students Isaac Payne trying his hand at managing during hockey and Oliver Smith as technique coach during netball.



Joel Jones (Year 8) leads a lesson on the 'quick break' as team manager.



## 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](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.

### 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**

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

*Ofsted 2021*

### WARHAMMER CLUB

Mr Langenhoven (Maths Teacher) popped in to the Warhammer Club and was introduced to the hobby by students who were more than happy to show him the ropes!



Students pictured: Hudson Gainor, Connor Taylor, Lucas Escott, Marlon Mecias-Kaarlela

### ECO CLUB

#### AIR POLLUTION MONITERS

This week our Eco Club students installed air pollution monitoring tubes in key areas around the school site with the help of Rosie Street, Natural Environment Officer from RBWM. These will be left in situ for 4 weeks and then sent off for analysis.



Pictured: Owen Lattimer, Fred Fletcher, Fifi Loveridge, Lilly Smith, Oliwia Drozdowska and Stephanie Gibbs.





## ECO AMBASSADORS

In October, our Sixth Form Eco Ambassadors, Nick and Idris, chaired a meeting of the Berkshire Schools Sustainability Network (BSSN).



Nick said, 'The BSSN meeting gave us the opportunity to speak with lots of other schools around Berkshire. It was great that we managed to even have people join by Teams to be a part of the meeting too. It was inspiring to listen to all of the ideas and plans other schools had to improve sustainability at their schools, and the energy and motivation other students had from these different schools. We hope that from this meeting we can improve sustainability at Furze Platt even further, as we have lots more we can be doing!'

## YEAR 11 CONSTRUCTION

Well done to our Year 11 Construction class who have now completed the plumbing rig they have built this term.



## KEYBOARD DONATION – THANK YOU



We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Lamb of Cookham for their very generous donation of a Yamaha Digital Piano P-95 for our students to use. This has been offered to allow every student the opportunity to have instrumental lessons by our specialist teachers.

On behalf of Furze Platt Senior School students and the Music Department, a big thank you.

We would welcome any other donations of instruments for our students to use – please email

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

*Thank You*



## FIBRE NETWORK INSTALLATION

28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

We have been advised fibre networks will soon be installed in the following roads, this will involve some construction work in the area but access to properties will still be viable:

- FOOTPATH 1 FROM BEVERLEY GARDENS TO DORCHESTER CLOSE **28.11.2022-30.11.2022**
- FOOTPATH 2 FROM BEVERLEY GARDENS TO DORCHESTER CLOSE **01.12.2022 -03.12.2022**
- FOOTPATH SOUTH OFF DORCHESTER CLOSE **05.12.2022-07.12.2022**
- FOOTPATH FROM BEVERLEY GARDENS TO LYNEHAM GARDENS **08.12.2022-10.12.2022**
- FOOTPATH WEST OFF BEVERLEY GARDENS **12.12.2022-14.12.2022**



## IT'S BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY WEEKEND

### WHY NOT LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE DONATING? ANYWHERE. ANYTIME. EVERYTIME.

Non-event fundraising is the easiest method to raise funds for our school and make a difference to our children's experiences.

By selecting Furze Platt Senior School PTFA as your cause, we will build the number of supporters and generate income from retailers which will therefore benefit our children even further. There is no cost to you, no laborious sign-in rigmarole and no spam emails, so it's a win, win situation for everyone. We are asking you now to register and/or login by following the links below:

#### Be a Smiler – Amazon style!



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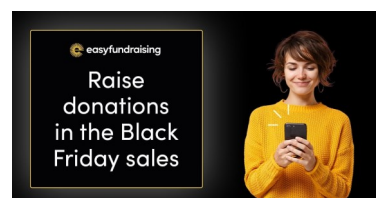
[smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)



#### Be a Fundraiser - the Easy way!

Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise FREE donations every time you grab a bargain! Click through below to support Furze Platt Senior School PTFA:

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## MATCHED FUNDING

FREE FUNDS FROM EMPLOYERS FOR REGISTERED CHARITIES, LIKE US.

More than £14,000 was raised in 2019-2020. This amount can be achieved again – query with your employer please. What details are required by your company? Just email us:

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

Can you help us access fundraising from your employer with **MATCH FUNDING** schemes?



We appreciate your feedback and welcome comments and ideas by phone call **01628 625308**, by email [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) and through our Facebook Page [facebook.com/fpsstfta](https://facebook.com/fpsstfta)



# 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](http://www.furzeplatt.com) for an application form or contact Mrs Sarah Hemsley via [sarah.hemsley@furzeplatt.net](mailto: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](mailto:kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net).

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**  
**Interviews will take place as suitable applicants apply**

## CURRENT VACANCIES



EAGLES FALCONS HAWKS OSPREYS

## THE HOUSE

# Talent Show



SCAN ME

13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 5-6.30PM

### Furze Platt is putting on a House Talent Show!

- Get involved and showcase your talent!
  - 3 acts needed from each House
  - Tickets for the final are free!!
- Auditions week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> December

*Scan the QR code to book tickets.*





**Do you want to be in the next number one pop band, a performer in the best classical orchestra in the world or you just want to be a better hairbrush singer?**

**The Music Department are giving you the opportunity to let your dreams come a reality!**

At Furze Platt Senior School we offer a huge range of lessons through our specialist instrumental teachers. From violin and flute to electric guitar and drums we have it all available to every Furze Platt student.

To find out more about lessons please see Mr Forster or drop him an email [stuart.forster@furzeplatt.net](mailto:stuart.forster@furzeplatt.net)



## 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.



# Marlow Youth U16 Girls Football Team

Would you like to join a team of girls who love to play football?

We play in the Berkshire County Girls Football league. Training is on a Thursday night 20:00 to 21:00 at Great Marlow School. Our Match day is Saturday.



If you are in Yr10 or Yr11 and you are new to football, or returning after a break, you are invited to come and be part of the team.

To join us for a training session or for more details, please email [myu16girls@icloud.com](mailto:myu16girls@icloud.com) or visit [myfccolts.clubbuzz.co.uk/join](http://myfccolts.clubbuzz.co.uk/join)



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Just Helping receive 10% of the net monies raised, after which, all other monies will be primarily distributed between Child Bereavement UK and Rennie Grove Peace Hospice.

We will be collecting in the following postcodes on Fri 13th – Sun 15th Jan 2023  
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**Enjoy the INSET Day, see you  
on Tuesday 29th November!**