

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Term 1

Thank you for all your support in the first term of the 2022/23 academic year. This week we have held the Rewards Assemblies for each year group recognising students' many successes. The number of awards has been tremendous and led to many prizes. I would like to congratulate all our students who have achieved so much in Term 1.



The end of every term offers staff and students the chance to evaluate the previous weeks and reset targets for the next Term. If your son or daughter missed out on some of the awards this week, please do encourage them to collect ACHIEVE points in Term 2 so that they can be rewarded in the end of term assembly at Christmas.

Clubs and Activities

I would also like to thank all our staff for laying on so many clubs this term. I have been amazed at the range of activities on offer. Thank you to all students who have attended, and I look forward to students signing up for more in Term 2.

Early UCAS Entries

The deadline for early UCAS entries has passed. By this deadline those students wishing to apply for Oxbridge, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine needed to apply for university. An enormous amount of effort goes into this process, and I would like to wish our many students good luck with their applications.

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next week

FRI 21 OCTOBER	End of Term 1	3.15pm finish
MON 24 - FRI 28 OCTOBER	Half Term Holiday	

Forthcoming Events

MON 31 OCTOBER	Start of Term 2 (Week 2)	8.40am start
MON 7 NOVEMBER	Sixth Form Safe Drive Stay Alive	Until 3.15pm
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	6pm - 9pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
6PM - 9PM

2022

YEARS 11 AND 12 REPORTS

The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. Year 12 have an 'Attitude to Learning' report and Year 11 have a full report. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net. Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

GUIDANCE TO GRADING

SIXTH FORM SAFE DRIVE STAY ALIVE

MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2022

If you have not already responded to our letter about our Safe Drive Stay Alive trip in November please can you do so as soon as possible; you can see a copy of this letter to follow. Thank you.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your son or daughter will soon be entitled to learn to drive. With this in mind, we have booked both Year 12 and Year 13 onto the Safe Drive Stay Alive information presentation at the Wycombe Swan Theatre in High Wycombe on Monday 7th November. The trip is a powerful and potentially distressing experience into the dangers of driving, however, the course organisers have trained counselling staff to assist with any young person who is affected by the content.

There is no cost for this trip, but attendance is mandatory as education into the dangers of driving is something we consider vitally important.

Students will be travelling by coach to the Wycombe Swan and the trip will be departing from Furze Platt at 12.15pm. We will be returning to Furze Platt by 3.15pm. Students will be expected to be in full Sixth Form uniform, with lanyards visible at all times.

We would ask parents/carers to please complete the slip at the foot of this letter and return it via your child to the Sixth Form office.

If you have any questions about the trip please don't hesitate to contact me at mary.pasa@furzeplatt.net

Best wishes, Mrs Pasa Sixth Form Manager, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Please return the completed form below to Mrs Pasa:



I confirm my child will be present on the Safe Drive Stay Alive trip

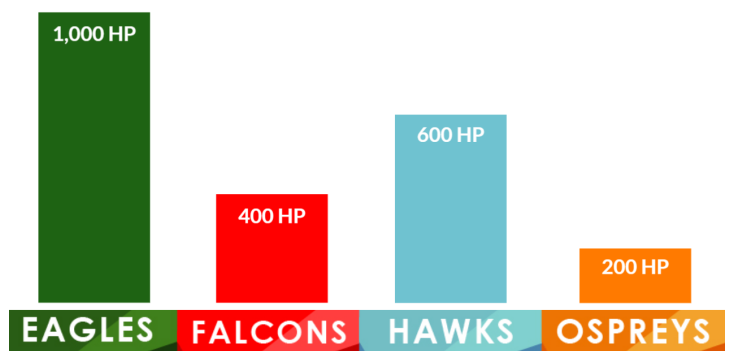
Please give any special requirements or medical information you feel we need to be aware of here:



HOUSE COMPETITION

We have enjoyed another fantastic week of House competitions laid on by our PE department. A special well done to our Ospreys and Eagles! Here are the results for the inter-house tag rugby competition:

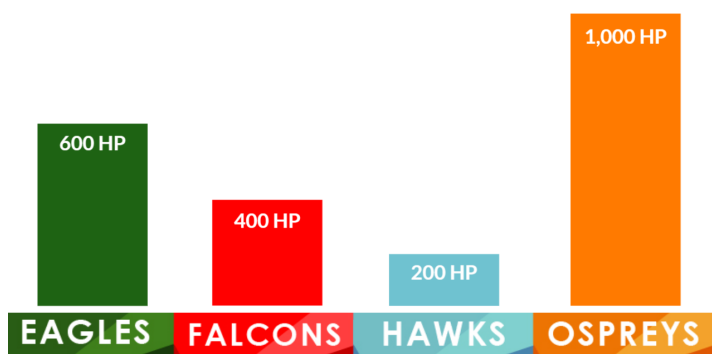
INTERHOUSE TAG RUGBY RESULTS



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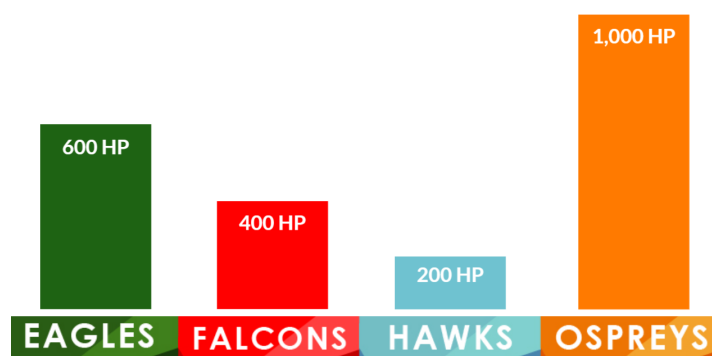
INTERHOUSE TAG RUGBY RESULTS

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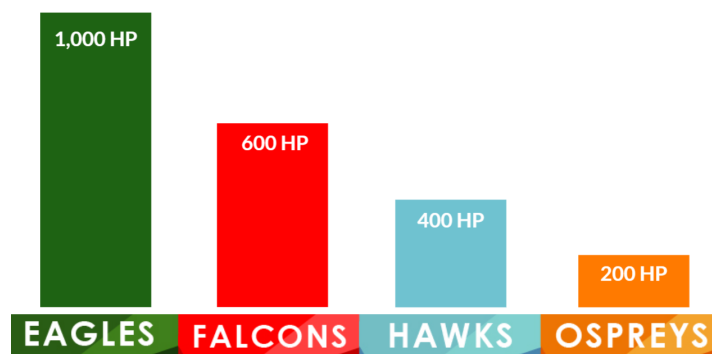
INTERHOUSE TAG RUGBY RESULTS

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INTERHOUSE TAG RUGBY RESULTS

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11



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Next in our series on Black History Month we are looking at famous people.

Rosa Parks



Rosa Parks (1913-2005) is often called 'the mother of the civil rights movement.'

In 1955, at 42 years old, she refused to give up her seat on a bus for a white man, leading to her arrest which triggered the Montgomery Bus Boycott of over 17,000 black citizens.

The film 'The Rebellious Life of Mrs Rosa Parks' is expected to be released in the UK soon or you can read more about her life online.

David Olusoga



David Olusoga (born 1970 -) is Professor of Public History at the University of Manchester who was awarded the Hellell-Tiltman Prize for his book 'Black and British: A Forgotten History'.

Born in the north of England to a Nigerian father and a white mother, his dyslexia has not stopped him from becoming a very successful writer, historian, presenter and film maker.

Mary Seacole



Mary Seacole (1805 – 1881), known as 'Mother Seacole' was a British-Jamaican nurse who was posthumously awarded the Jamaican Order of Merit for her work during the Crimean War tending to the sick and injured and in 2004 was voted the greatest Black Briton by the website

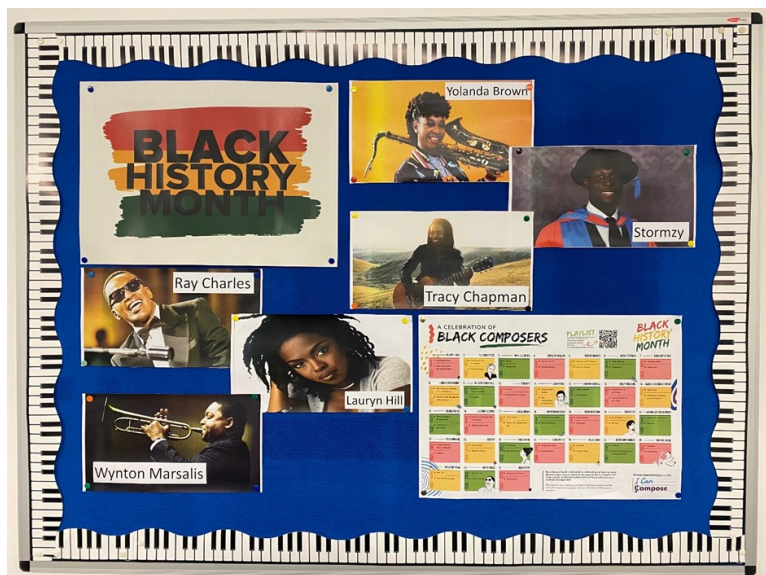
Every Generation.

Her autobiography is Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands (1857)

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Music

In music there is a full display on black performers and composers ranging from classical to modern day. We are encouraging students to move away from their usual listening habits to try some of these artists with the help of our 'Black History Month Calendar of Listening'. Here students can scan the QR code and enjoy an eclectic range of music all at the touch of a button.



Please note:

- * all bookings for next term (November - Christmas 2022) must be made through the original email invitation (sent out today); 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.

We encourage students to try as many clubs as they are interested in – with over 75 clubs and academic clinics we are sure they will find a number of activities they really enjoy!



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**



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 today 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.





TUESDAY

\$12

15.20-16.20

YEARS 7 - 13

CONTINUING INTO TERM 2

We had so much fun at Gardening Club this week carving pumpkins! Thank you to Dr Graham and Mrs Cook for their help.

The club members:

Henry Camano
Fifi Loveridge
Lily Smith
Mert Mutlu
Gerhard Ueckermann
Harry Holdway
Tillie Logie

George Longville
Fred Fletcher
Harry Blackwell
Mia Chopra
Joseph McKeivitt
Kaylie Lau



WILD ABOUT GARDENS – SILVER AWARD

We are delighted to announce we have been awarded the Wild About Gardens Silver Award. So many of the awards won here at Furze Platt are down to a real collaborative team effort – a huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed.



AND FINALLY...

We are also delighted to announce the healthy arrival of twin girls to Ms Gibson, Drama Teacher. Fearn Louise (4lbs 9oz) arrived at 1.19pm on Friday 7th October with her sister Marcia Rose was 4lbs 8oz at 2.28pm.

Congratulations to the family!



WE ARE RECRUITING!

Do you want to work at a successful and flourishing secondary school in Maidenhead? We currently have some exciting opportunities at Furze Platt Senior School.

CURRENT VACANCIES

JOIN THE FURZE PLATT COMMUNITY

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

DISCOUNTED GYM MEMBERSHIP ON SCHOOL PREMISES

3-day free trial.
FREE use before 8am and from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

APPLY TODAY

WWW.FURZEPLATT.COM

STAFF PENSION SCHEMES

Excellent pension schemes for teachers and support staff.

FRESHLY BREWED COFFEE AT BREAK TIMES

LONG SERVICE AWARDS WITH A VOUCHER OR CHANCE TO DONATE TO CHARITY

CARE FIRST – EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

Available 24/7 for all your work and personal needs.

INNOVATE CAFÉ

Serving healthy tasty food. Easy to use Cashless System. Free lunch on first INSET day, Xmas lunch, and afternoon tea in the summer term.

BE PART OF OUR HOUSE SYSTEM

PAPERLESS PAYSIPS

Easy to access from home, no need to print, support a sustainable environment.

BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED & EQUIPPED STAFFROOMS

STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY

FREE EYE TESTS

For staff using Display Screen Equipment.

GEMS AT WORK - REGULAR FREEBIES & PRODUCT SAMPLING

ENJOY YOUR HALF TERM BREAK NEXT WEEK!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to three winners in the 200 Club -
£200 is on the way to each winner!

Thank you to those who came to our PTFA Meeting
on Monday.

We are pleased to report we are in a healthy financial position that has been made possible by every participant in our fundraisers, e.g. secondhand uniform scheme, 200 Club, tickets for gigs and concerts, purchasing drinks and contributions via Amazon.Smile and Easyfundraising. We discussed and voted on funding requests and welcomed two new members, as below. Be assured, that all disbursements benefit our children in their school experiences.

- * Uniform Co-ordinator is Carina Charles (Year 7 parent). Please email your requests to: PTFAUniform@furzeplatt.net and Carina will get back to you. Please add this **NEW** email address to your 'safe senders list'.
- * 200 Club Administrator is Gillian Healey (Year 9 parent). Notifications will be emailed from: PTFA200Club@furzeplatt.net Please add this **NEW** email address to your 'safe senders list'.
- * We would be very grateful for help writing Facebook posts, Newsletters and a register of helpers.

Next 200 Club draw will be in the New Year. For £5 per month, you too could win £200. New members are welcome to join anytime here:

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)



Quiz and Hot Buffet Dinner

Friday 11th November,
7.30pm – 10pm.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW
HERE:**

<https://donorbox.org/furze-platt-ptfa-quiz-night-nov22>



The PTFA warmly invite you to an informal, social, fun event to enjoy a Quiz and freshly cooked hot meal.

Each ticket includes a superb Quiz developed by three Quizmasters, aimed at over 18's, featuring rounds in music, trivia, general knowledge, pictures and a sensational hot meal cooked on-site, from Giant Pan Caterers.

Our caterers are premium chefs and experts in continental cuisine. They pride themselves on cooking and serving exquisite meals using the finest fresh ingredients.

Tables of up to 6 people pit their wits against each other to win a team prize.

You can make a team of 6 of your own or come along and join another group.

We'll run a **RAFFLE** on the night too, so bring a few quid to win prizes!

DON'T FORGET THESE ONLINE FUNDRAISERS

Easyfundraising.org

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! 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>



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



THE
BIG
QUIZ

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Friday 11th Nov 2022
7.30pm for 8pm start

At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall

Raising funds to enhance
our children's schooling

£17

per person

MAX.6

people per table

But you can book in
any numbers from
1-6 and we'll find
teams for you.

FOOD

Incredible Big Pan
Catering

Experts in continental cuisine.
Three options (inc. veggie)
plus dessert!

PLUS

a bar!

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY:

<https://donorbox.org/furze-platt-ptfa-quiz-night-nov22>

SCAN ME:



JOIN THE YOUTH COUNCIL



WE WANT YOUR VOICE FOR CHANGE



Our aims

Represent the young people of RBWM and instigate change on their behalf

Advise the RBWM Council on issues that affect young people

Advocate against and change issues that we and other young people are facing.

What we've done so far

Spoke at events, advertising the youth council and advocating for young people

Run an environment challenge reducing carbon emissions

Met exciting people who listened to our views and can help us improve the RBWM

Presented our views to the council on the budget and street lighting



Complete our survey

Apply to be a youth councilor here!



Find out more



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YouthCouncil@rbwm.gov.uk