

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #69.5



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

### A Fantastic Speaker – David Thomas

Today, we have been fortunate enough to have David Thomas, Guinness world record breaker and bestselling author, at FPSS talking to our Year 9-12 students about his life and experiences, as well as giving them some memory tips in readiness for their studies and examinations. Our students were captivated and, I hope, inspired to use some of David's ideas to help shape their lives.



### Sister Act

I am looking forward to a fantastic show next week as Sister Act takes to the stage. The rehearsals sound amazing and I wish the cast every success for the primary school matinee on Monday and three evening shows Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I believe Thursday is a near sell out, but tickets are still available for Tuesday and Wednesday. I look forward to seeing you there.

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

### NEU Strike Action

Apologies for the disruption caused by the strike on Wednesday. As I said in my letter to parents and carers, we had over half our teachers off-work meaning we simply could not operate as normal. I am hoping that the union and government find a compromise before the next scheduled day of action on 2nd March.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Take care,

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



## TERM 3 EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

### NEXT WEEK (WEEK 2)

MON 6 FEBRUARY	School Musical (matinee performance for local junior schools)	
TUE 7 - THU 9 FEBRUARY	School Musical	7 - 9.30pm
FRI 10 FEBRUARY	END OF TERM (TERM 3)	3.15pm finish

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MON 13 - FRI 17 FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS	
MON 20 FEBRUARY	START OF TERM 4 (Week 1)	8.40am

**SCHOOL TERM DATES**

YEAR  
11

## YEAR 11 HOW TO REVISE SESSIONS

The Raising Achievement Department has been into every PSHE lesson over the past fortnight and continuing into next week to deliver a session on 'How to Revise'. This has given every Year 11 student the opportunity to walk and talk through a revision session from highlighting key words to producing a mind-map or cue card through to checking their learning with questions. If you would like to find out more, the PowerPoint presentation used is attached – the link below also shows a video which can be used for students who may have missed the session or for any parent/carer who wants to know more.

Mrs D Feather, Raising Achievement Manager

**HOW TO REVISE PRESENTATION**

**LINK TO VIDEO**

A FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

# SISTER ACT

TUES 7 - THURS 9  
FEBRUARY 2023  
IN THE THEATRE

DOORS OPENING AT 6.30PM  
& PERFORMANCE AT 7PM

BOOK YOUR TICKETS TODAY!



### 'HAPPY' HOUSE WINNERS

Students are working towards the 'Happy' ('H') section on our ACHIEVE badges – many congratulations to the following!

#### Happiness by House:

House	Position	Points earned
Eagle	1	6631
Falcon	2	6288
Hawk	3	6284
Osprey	4	6097

#### Happiness by Tutor Group:

Overall winners - 8SEM (Mr Markham's form)

Year group winners – 7KAH (Ms Herrick's form), 9JAS (Mrs Stimson's form), 10BUD (Miss Dube's form), 11KAK (Mrs Kalinowski's form) and 6MNW (Sixth Form, Dr Wyatt's form)

### TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST FOR SISTER ACT

If you haven't yet bought your tickets for Sister Act, please don't put it off any longer, as time is running out! The students have been rehearsing all week in the theatre and polishing off their performances in time for opening night on Tuesday 7th February. Doors open at 6.30pm for a prompt 7pm start and the show runs through Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February. You can buy ticket priced at £11 for adults and £5 for students/ senior citizens here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre>. The PTFA are very kindly providing drinks and refreshments before the performances start, and during the interval, which you can pre-order here: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) The list of refreshments is show on your ticket. **Please bring tickets with you as they will be scanned on the door.**

This week our students featured in an article in the Maidenhead Advertiser:

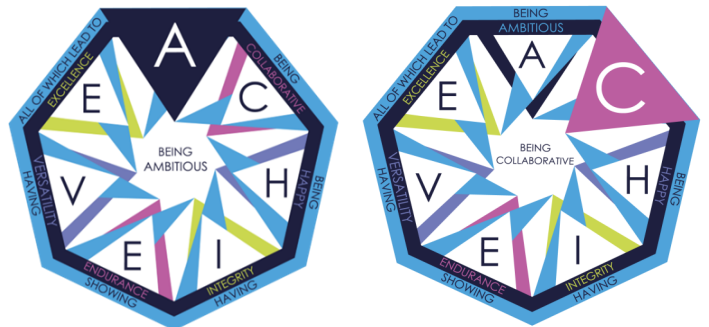
SISTER ACT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

#### Happiness by Student

Happiest student – Owen Latimer Year 8

#### Happy students by year groups:

- Year 7 - Thomas Butler
- Year 9 - Harley Banthorpe
- Year 10 - Oleksandra Melnyk
- Year 11 - Mia Chopra
- Sixth Form - Sabrina Lee





### U14 Girls Football

U14 Girls Football vs Edgbarrow School on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 0-4 loss:

Danielle Cox, Nelly Bartkowiak, Amelie Cooper, Sophia Fernandes, Talia Abou Saleh, Zaynah Pazir, Ellie McCaffery, Niamh Smith, Nicole Mizikova, Piper Webb, Christiana Stringer Boyle, Tabitha Gie.

Our U14 girls took on a tough Edgbarrow side in their first league game. An unfortunate loss but the girls loved the experience and have taken away some ideas and tactics ready for their next fixture! POM: Nelly and Dani for continuous pressure on the ball!



### U16 Girls Football

U16 Girls Football vs Waingels on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January:

Courtney Harris, Lily Gibson, Grace Gibson, Caitlin Bennett, Kya Davis, Amelia Russell, Holly Bray, Alex Delahaye, Sophie Mclachlan, Sara Nazir and Zara Webb.

U16 Football Fixture – Yesterday, a trip to Waingels College saw a tough match for our U16s. They may not have won but their determination to keep trying is admirable. POM: Alex for their hard work as goalkeeper.



### Year 7 Girls Football

Year 7 Girls Football vs Newlands (2-0 win) and vs Piggott (1-0 win) on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January:

Imogen Starkey, Izzy Keane, Hannah Peck, Rosa Mullins, Sienna Cooper, Zara Wibberley, Chloe Henry, Leticia Ferreira, Sophia Mormech.

Year 7 Girls played two fixtures on Tuesday and gained their first two wins of the season! Great goals scored by Hannah, Izzy and Rosa. Great gameplay from the rest of the girls to persist with no subs! POM: Hannah as voted by the opposition.



### Year 8 Boys Football

Year 8 Boys Football vs Edgbarrow on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January:

Tommy Tucker, James Balfe, James Maher, Tyler Lovett, Ethan Sheikh, Leo Russell, Finlay Briggs, Ethan Heywood, Alfie Everson-Plant, Luke Wise, Alexander Davison, Luke Rice, Yvan Wilson, William Spinks, Ethan Terry, Sulaiman Zaman.

First football fixture for the Year 8 boys yesterday and they played their socks off! An unfortunate result as the boys were chasing the win but some quality football was played. POM: Ethan H for high effort levels in tackling, passing and chasing play from start to finish!



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### Year 10 Boys Football

Year 10 Boys Football vs Edgbarrow on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January:

Rowan Sellman, Theo Streatfield, Finlay Hayward, Kacper Wrobel, Peter Nicholas, Daniel Higley, Finley McLaughlin, Sami El Midaoui, Sam Cranch, Yassir El Moudden Afilal, Juan Mosquera Rivera, Mununga Mununga, Bastie Correia, Jake Wilson.

Year 10 boys travelled to Edgbarrow School for a football fixture, and after a shaky start, the boys settled down and played good football against a tough side. POM: Yassir for continuously good work rate!



### Year 10 Netball

Year 10 Netball on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January:

Emma Astrup McGuinness, Elenia Reina, Holly Bennett, Sophie Mclachlan, Lily Slater, Namfon Avellano, Marina Brati, Courtney Harris, Emma Bunn, Gabriela Kedziora, Annabelle Stratford, Rosita Papoff, Phoebe Matthews, Charley Cox, Emmy Ionescu.

Year 10 Girls improved throughout the netball tournament achieving team goals and smiling while doing so! POM: Red – Emma for excellent vision and brilliant feeds into the circle, Green – Annie for great turnovers and interceptions at vital moments.



### U16 Girls Handball

U16 Girls Handball vs The Holt on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January:

Lily Gibson, Grace Gibson, Holly Bray, Caitlin Bennett, Florence Leo, Kirsty Steed, Georgia Owen, Charli Arnold, Alex Delahaye.

The first handball fixture of the season! The girls were brave, powerful and direct in all they did! The game was level for the first two thirds but eventually the girls were overcome by a height advantage for the opposition. POM – Lily! Well done girls!



### Year 11 Boys Football

Year 11 Boys Football vs Trinity, County Cup Fixture on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January:

Jude Rosten, Jake Coomes, Jayden Taylor, Jayden Weier, Callum Brennan, Reece Ovens, Jack Britton, Amaan Munir, Eric Bayod, Max Bayod, Freddie Astrup McGuinness, Nicolai Harrit, Dylan Williams-Lock, Josh Parrott, Lennon Moore, Oliver Basford.

The boys dominated the first half and continued the pressure on the opposition to achieve a comfortable 4-0 win! Onward and upwards and onto the next round. POM – Josh for great mentality and continuous pushing forward for the team.





**YEAR 11 ART AND DESIGN HALF-TERM SUPPORT SESSION**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
9.15am – 3.15pm in Ar2**

We are holding a one-off session provided for Year 11 in order for them to catch up with any outstanding coursework pieces or to develop their exam component.

This is an opportunity available to all students in the Year 11 Art and Design class. As you will be aware students are currently working on the final outcome for their GCSE ‘Strange and Fantasy’ coursework and will shortly be starting the preparatory work for their Art and Design exam which will take place towards the end of April.

I would like to run an extra catch-up session during the February half term for all students to attend and use in order to develop, improve or complete pieces of their coursework or preparatory work for their exam.

The session will be held in Art 2 from 9:15am to 3:15pm with two breaks as per a normal school day. As this will be during the school holidays the cafeteria will be closed so all students are asked to bring in their own food and drink for the day. Students will not be allowed to leave the school site during the course of the day.

Whilst it is not compulsory for students to attend, I cannot stress enough how important this opportunity will be for students to have those extra few hours developing their work.

If your child is able to attend please can you sign up via the link on Evolve which is titled as ‘Year 11 Art and Design Half-term Catch-up’.

If you have any difficulties accessing the site please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss E Holmes, Teacher of Art and Design



**INVITATIONS TO CLUBS FOR FEBRUARY**

Parents and carers of students in all year groups were sent new clubs lists at the end of last term via the EVOLVE email system for their son/ daughter for this term (January to February half term).

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:



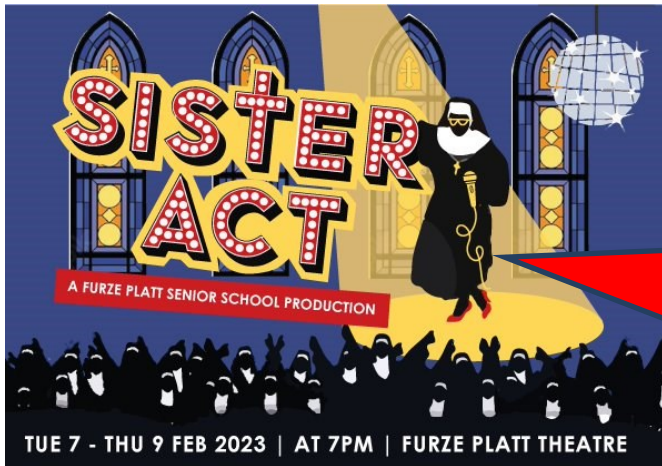
**DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS**

Thank you to all everyone who has signed up for Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards, we are delighted to see so many students actively working towards gaining this valuable achievement. Students have been emailed their login and passwords for eDofE and can begin logging their activities. For ideas on a particular section please see our website or students can speak to Miss Carty, DofE Manager.



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED OUR AGM AND SUPPORTED US!**

We had a great meeting and AGM on Wednesday and have agreed to financial donations for various subjects, clubs, DofE, learning support & school uniform fund; details to follow. *Every time you support us it helps us to support your children.*



**BAR HELP REQUIRED**  
**TUES 7<sup>TH</sup>, WEDS 8<sup>TH</sup>, THURS 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
 Any hour/s between 5.30 & 9PM  
 Email: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net)

**200 CLUB DRAW BEING MADE DURING EACH PERFORMANCE OF OUR SISTER ACT MUSICAL - JOIN NOW OR RENEW BEFORE SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.**

**Would anyone like a £200 Cash Prize? If so, please join our 200 Club!**

Are you all aware of this Club? Since this is our primary fundraiser, here's an overview:

The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash per number. Your winnings are made by bank transfer very soon after each draw so there's no hanging around. You're in control of the payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your energy or phone!) and there's no spam emails either (we haven't got time to send them!). So it's a win win situation and we hope you'll click through here to join:



**200 CLUB - MONTHLY DONATION**

*You've got to be in it to win it!*

**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/fpsptfa](https://facebook.com/fpsptfa)**

## Cleaners required to start as soon as possible

Permanent, full time, up to 37 hours a week, term time only

Additional hours may be available during the school holidays

Available shifts: 6.00am – 9am/3.00pm – 7.30pm Monday to Friday (early finish on a Friday)

Starting salary £18,415pa

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 are looking for someone who is interested in working up to 37 hours a week following a cleaning rota. You would be given sufficient training to enable you to operate domestic and industrial cleaning equipment and materials in a safe and sensible way. You would be required to clean specific areas of the school, refill and replace soap, towels and other consumables and collect and dispose of waste in and around the school site. We would also expect you to work in line with health and safety and COSHH regulations and make the Cleaning Supervisor aware of any hazards.

This role requires someone who is physically fit and able to bend and do light lifting or moving of furniture. In addition, good communication, organisational and time management skills are required with the ability to work independently and as part of a team. You must be trustworthy and able to demonstrate high levels of integrity.

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](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net](mailto: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 applicants will be interviewed as soon as is practicable

CURRENT VACANCIES





## Get into Teaching with the Institute of Education Partnership

**Tuesday 7 February 2023, 17:30 – 19:00**

**London Road Campus, University of Reading**

Drop in to speak to representatives from the University's Institute of Education and our School Direct Partners.

Find out about the different postgraduate routes into teaching for Primary and Secondary teaching and how to apply.

[reading.ac.uk/education](https://reading.ac.uk/education)



# TEACH MAIDENHEAD



## Interested in training to teach?

We will be at the Reading University Train to Teach Event

On Tuesday 7th February

At the London Road Campus

From 5.30pm to 7pm

For further information click [here](#)

# TEACH MAIDENHEAD

In partnership with the  
Institute of Education



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# YOUNG REPORTER COMPETITION

*Got a story to tell?*

**CLOSES  
FRIDAY  
31ST MARCH  
2023**

**Share it with the BBC and it could be  
seen or heard by people all over the UK!**

If you're aged between 11-18 the BBC Young Reporter  
Competition wants to hear from you.

For full T&Cs, Privacy Notice and to apply:  
**[bbc.co.uk/youngreportercompetition](https://bbc.co.uk/youngreportercompetition)**

## Family Swim

THERE'S A STORM  
WARNING IN OUR  
LEISURE POOL

Experience 'The Tornado' our water  
slide, waves, rapids and more



SLIDES  
WAVES

FAMILY  
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WINDSOR LEISURE CENTRE