



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Sister Act

Many of us have laughed, clapped and sung along to Sister Act this week. It was a tremendously entertaining evening with packed audiences. I would like to pay enormous tribute to the cast and crew, led so ably by our Performing Arts staff.



To put such a superb show together takes many hours of rehearsal, care and commitment and all those involved deserve huge credit.

What was also delightful was to see the large numbers of students and families supporting friends and relatives, cheering their acquaintances and waiting at the 'stage door' with gifts and praise.

Thank you also to the FPSS community for their support, including our valued PTFA.



Challenge Partner Visit

This Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we welcomed 5 senior leaders from other schools to FPSS to review our school. They looked in depth at teaching in the classrooms, as well as spoke to students and staff. There were many complimentary comments regarding teaching and learning,



TERM 4 EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MON 13 - FRI 17 FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS	
MON 20 FEBRUARY	START OF TERM 4 (Week 1)	8.40am
WED 22 FEBRUARY	Ski Trip Parents Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
THUR 9 MARCH	Year 8 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	3.45pm - 7.45pm
FRI 10 MARCH	Late Start	9.15 am start
THUR 23 MARCH	Year 10 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
WED 29 MARCH	Spring Concert	7pm - 9.30pm
FRI 31 MARCH	END OF TERM 4	12.30pm finish
MON 3 - FRI 14 APRIL	SPRING HOLIDAYS	

SCHOOL TERM DATES

not least the subject knowledge of our staff. As you would expect, they also highlighted areas for us to work upon, like developing independent working habits, which we will focus upon in the coming months.

Unreservedly, our reviewers were incredibly complimentary about our students, their behaviour and attitude to learning. I would like to thank all our students for engaging with the reviewers in such a positive manner.

Half Term

It is hard to believe that we are already at Half Term after what has been a packed Term 3 with PPEs, Year 9 Options and Sister Act amongst many other things.

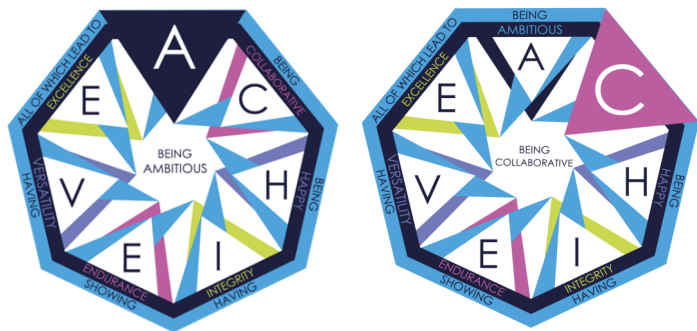
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For those students in Year 11 and 13 with examinations starting in 10 weeks, they know they should be continuing their revision programmes knowing that they will get a 10-12 week break from mid-June. Please support them in that endeavour.

I hope that you and your families have an enjoyable Half Term.

Take care,

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



YEAR 11 AND 13 REPORTS



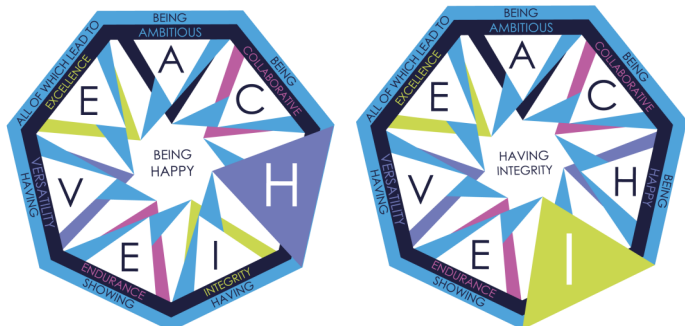
The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

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 DOCUMENT](#)

[VIEW REPORTS](#)



Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received invitations today for their son or daughter to attend clubs next term. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsrvisits@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.

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.

Please note:

- * all bookings for Term 4 must be made through the original email invitations (sent out on Friday 10th February)
- * once in the list of clubs or academic support clinics, click on the name of the activity or session you wish to book 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 relevant to your son/daughter
- * if your son or daughter wishes to be removed from a club completely, 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.

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

[SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS SCHEDULE 2023](#)



DATE CHANGE – NOW WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

9.15am – 3.15pm in Ar2

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to change the date from Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th February. All parents and students were emailed this week to notify them of the changes.

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' or email e.holmes@furzeplatt.net.

If you have any difficulties accessing the site please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing students on Wednesday.

Miss E Holmes, Teacher of Art and Design

GENEVA TRIP 2023

Important meeting for students after half term

Can all students attending the trip come to a 15 minute trip meeting at 3.15 in S11 on Monday 20th February – the first day back after half term.

Attendance is compulsory, as vital information for the trip will be shared.

Mr H Curnow, Head of Physics



The Raising Achievement Department has been into every PSHE lesson recently 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

YEAR 8 INTERVAL TRAINING



Year 8S have had their first experience of interval training during their timetabled fitness lesson. Endurance and Integrity on full show with measured amounts of Happiness – a number of our ACHIEVE values in one lesson!

Mr C Djaelani, Teacher of PE





HAPPINESS - HALF TERM HOUSE COMPETITION

Deadline: Friday 24th February

Students have been asked to produce a piece of artwork or photograph on the theme of Happiness, one of our key ACHIEVE values.

The winner will receive a £30 Amazon voucher plus their artwork will be featured at the Art Department's Summer Art and Photography Exhibition

They will also receive 1000 points for their House, 2nd place is 600 points, 3rd place 400 points, 4th place 200 points.

This task is expected to be completed throughout half term / in students' own personal time in order to ensure high quality outcomes.

Submissions for both Art and Photography must be at least A4 in size, photographs can be edited on Photoshop. Photo submissions will be printed off in School for students.

Entries to be given/e-mailed to students' Head of House and must include FULL NAME & YEAR GROUP on the reverse or in the subject line if emailed.

Good luck to students in all our Houses!

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

AIM: Produce a piece of artwork or photograph on the theme of happiness.

WHEN: This task is expected to be completed throughout this half term but in your own personal time in order to ensure high quality outcomes.

MUST BE: At least A4 in size, photographs can be edited on Photoshop. Photo submissions will be printed off in School for students.

SUBMIT: Entries to be given/e-mailed to your Head of House. Make sure your FULL NAME & YEAR GROUP is on the back of your work or in the email subject line.

DEADLINE: FRI 24TH FEB 2023



ASTRONOMY CLUB - GIRLS IN STEM

Do aliens exist? What do black holes eat? Why do stars explode?

If you are a girl or non-binary student in Years 7-10, come to Astronomy Club on Wednesdays at 3.15 in S11 to find out!

Girls in STEM presents...

Astronomy Club

For all girls or non-binary students in Years 7-10

Every Wednesday –
Starts 22nd February

3.20pm in S11



BABY BOY NEWS

Many congratulations to Dr Graham (Teacher of Biology) and family who welcomed baby Jonah William on 1st February at 11:01pm. Jonah weighed in at 9lbs and both he and mum Natasha are doing well. We wish them all a peaceful half term!



THREE LUCKY 200 CLUB WINNERS ARE £200 RICHER THIS WEEK!

The first 200 Club winning number picked on Tuesday happened to belong to Music Teacher Mr Forster, what a lovely way for him to celebrate the first night of the School Musical! Many congratulations to all our winners this term.

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!

HELP REQUIRED! Please join our volunteers list: Email us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

Our aim is to raise as much money as possible for our school. We do this in several ways: run the 200 Club, earn commission from Easyfundraising, sell Second-hand Uniform, receive funds via Community Support/Matched Funding schemes and apply to Trusts. Support us to support your children – how can you help?

[Scan here to help us online from tonight.](#)



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



For £5 per month (less than 2 coffees) you could be in with a chance of winning £200!

Easyfundraising.org.uk - You shop, brands donate to us, at no cost to you!

Now is the perfect time to apply to your employer to match or contribute to our fundraising efforts.

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

Struggling with the cost of living?

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Here to Help



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.

DWP Household Support Fund

www.rbwm.gov.uk



The DWP Household Support Fund aims to help households in need to deal with the rising costs of living. If you are facing financial difficulties and are at risk of problems escalating, you may be able to receive a £145 cash payment, to help you this winter.

Residents can apply for this support through speaking to one of nine organisations across the borough, who are partnering with the council.

Our partners are:

- Citizens Advice East Berkshire (CAEB)
- Abri Housing Association
- Housing Solutions
- RBWM Housing Service
- Age Concern Windsor
- Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead Social Prescribing service for the Primary Care networks
- West Windsor Hub
- The Baby Bank
- Maidenhead Foodshare

Please approach Citizens Advice East Berkshire (CAEB), if you are unsure which of these organisations to contact. If possible, please email hsf@caeb.org.uk, as this is the best and quickest way to request support. CAEB also have a drop-in service at their office in Maidenhead on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10am - 12pm. Address: 4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7YR.

Visit the Household Support Fund webpage, for more information about the scheme and how to apply.

Please note that this is a discretionary scheme, allocated on a case by case basis, to mitigate serious financial hardship and prevent crises over winter. Our partners have responsibility for identifying residents to the scheme and will provide residents with a unique reference number, which is needed to make an application. **Residents are not able to apply to the council directly.**

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- Cox Green Leisure Centre
- Charters Leisure Centre
- Gym
- Classes
- Free Parking & Disabled Parking
- Also available on site:
 - Seasonal Tennis Courts
 - All Weather Pitches
 - Sports Halls



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LEISURE FOCUS

WE'RE HIRING

We are looking for new people to join our team at your local leisure centres:

- Lifeguards
- Recreational Asisstants
- Food and Bevarage Asisstants

SCAN THE QR TO APPLY NOW!



The BBC logo is displayed in three dark grey squares, each containing a white letter: 'B', 'B', and 'C'. The background features colorful abstract shapes and icons: a smartphone, a microphone, a speech bubble, and signal waves.

YOUNG REPORTER COMPETITION

Got a story to tell?

**CLOSES
FRIDAY
31ST MARCH
2023**

**Share it with the BBC and it could be
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If you're aged between 11-18 the BBC Young Reporter
Competition wants to hear from you.

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