

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #69.9



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Enriching our Curriculum through Trips and Visits



The last couple of weeks have seen a range of trips and visits to support and enhance learning in the classroom. Groups of students have visited the University of Cambridge, Years 9 and 10 have watched 'Noughts and Crosses' at Oxford Playhouse and our Year 11 have been completing their Geography fieldwork in Maidenhead town centre. Furthermore, last Saturday our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students were in school preparing for their upcoming expedition.

Following pandemic impacted years, it is great to see these fantastic opportunities back on the calendar and I would like to thank staff for leading them, as well as parents, carers and students for supporting these activities.

Next week sees a Sixth Form Biology visit, and Year 11 PE students off-site filming their practical assessments.

Strike Action

Thank you to our parents and carers for their ongoing support during the National Education Union strike action. Parents and carers will have had a letter from me about the next two strike days on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

Non-Uniform (Mufti) Day

Finally, thank you to all students, parents and carers who supported our non-uniform day on Tuesday. We raised a fantastic **£1560** which will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee fund for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Take care,

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



TERM 4 EVENTS

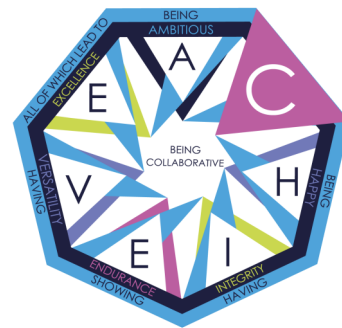
ALL EVENTS

NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THUR 23 MARCH	Year 10 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 24 MARCH	Non uniform day in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Trust	
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



YEAR 10 PARENTS AND CARERS' CONSULTATION EVENING



THURSDAY 23RD MARCH

On Thursday 23rd March there will be a consultation evening for Year 10 parents and carers which will be held virtually.

Appointments, **which will be available to book from 6pm on Monday 13th March**, are booked online and are available from 4.15pm until 7:15pm. To book appointments and for full instructions, either follow the link below or go to the Parents' Evening Bookings link under 'News & Events' on the school website.

PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS (BOOK FROM MONDAY)

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Please note that one teacher will cover the three sciences (and will appear under Biology).

Guidance on how to use our virtual parents evening system can be found below. **Please ensure you read the below guide as this system works very differently to other platforms such as Zoom.** You will need to log into the Parents' Evening booking system on the night in order to access your appointments.

We would advise using a desktop or laptop for your appointment and to use Wi-Fi rather than mobile phone data. This guidance includes information on how parents/carers can join from two different locations if required, please note in order to do this the parent booking the appointments is the only person who has the ability to invite another parent to the appointment.

HOW TO ATTEND APPOINTMENTS OVER VIDEO CALL

If you are unable to attend the consultation via video call, please let us know in the booking system comments section and we will arrange a time to contact you by phone about your child's progress.

We advise you to book as soon as possible as appointments are likely to book up quickly.

As you will know from parents' evenings in previous years, we always have a member of our Senior Leadership Team available should you have any additional questions or concerns you wish to raise. In order to continue to provide you with that opportunity during virtual meetings, one of the Senior Team will be on Zoom for the duration of Parents Evening.

Should you wish to speak to them between 4:15pm and 7:15pm, please follow the link:

REQUEST TO JOIN SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Meeting ID: 552 710 0646/ **Passcode:** A0NtYL

This link is only if you wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, it will not take you to your child's teachers.

Having started Zoom, you will then go into the Waiting Room and will be admitted as soon as possible. Please note that there may be a few minutes wait while in the Waiting Room as there may already be another parent present (only one set of parents will be 'admitted' at any time).

If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01628 625308.

Kind Regards

Miss L Stirling

Associate Assistant Headteacher

NON-UNIFORM (MUFTI) DAY

FRIDAY 24TH MARCH

In Aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust

Following our Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening and further to a request from one of our students, on Friday 24th March we will be holding a non-uniform day in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. School will start at the usual time of 8.40am.

All donations to the Trust's work are greatly appreciated and we would ask for participating students to make a £2 donation wherever possible. Furze Platt recognises that some families may not be in the financial position to make such a donation at this time and students will of course not be prevented from participating in the non-uniform day if there are genuine financial challenges. Students should please give their donations to their tutor in registration on the day.

While students will be wearing their own clothes, please be aware that we do expect them to dress appropriately. There should be no offensive slogans, crop tops, onesies, costumes, backless/halter-neck tops or camisole style tops. Skirts/shorts should be of a suitable length to the knee and shoes or trainers (not flip-flops or open back sandals) should be suitable for a day at school.

YEAR
11

YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS WITH OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Last week, all Year 11 students attended a 2 hour revision session delivered by Furze Platt's Senior Leadership Team. During these sessions, students had the opportunity to explore how to RAG rate their subjects (Red, Amber Green) to indicate how confident they are/not in each topic.

In addition, they also had the opportunity to create revision timetables/learn how to revise English Literature/understand comprehensive note taking depending on their groups.

This is part of the programme set up at Furze Platt to help Year 11 students prepare for the imminent exam season.

If you have any questions about how to help your son/daughter with revision, please do not hesitate to contact me at debbie.feather@furzeplatt.net

Mrs D Feather

Raising Achievement Manager

A LEVEL BUSINESS TRIP
GRADE BOOSTER WORKSHOP

FREE EASTER STUDENT WEBINARS

GCSEPod are running student webinars to inspire and motivate students:

Easter Revision Exam Readiness

Thursday 16th March at 5pm

REGISTER TO JOIN WEBINAR

Easter Revision Exam Readiness

Tuesday 28th March at 5pm

REGISTER TO JOIN WEBINAR



DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD AWARDS

TEAMS MEETING FOR STUDENTS

THURSDAY 16TH MARCH: 5PM

Students have been invited to attend a meeting with myself and Ellen Wood from the DofE on Thursday 16th March at 5pm.

Please see below the purpose of this meeting:

- Support participants to log into their EDofE account
- Explain how to obtain assessor reports to complete sections
- Opportunity to ask questions about the award

This meeting will take place on Microsoft Teams, and the link to attend can be found below.

We look forward to seeing you all next Thursday at 5pm.

Kind regards

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager

JOIN TEAMS MEETING: THURS 16 MARCH AT 5PM

DOFE EXPEDITION PRESENTATIONS

Our recent expedition presentations from Mr Randall, Outdoor Activities and Enrichment Leader, and our expedition company BXM can be found here:

DOFE EXPEDITION PRESENTATIONS

The Business studies department are organising a trip to attend the 'tutor 2 u' grade booster workshops. The Business grade booster workshop will take place at Vue Cinema, at Westfield White City on Thursday 30th March 23.

Each Grade Booster workshop runs from 10.30 a.m. until 3.10 p.m. with four sessions delivered in the cinema screen by specialist presenters. Students have a short break during the morning and 50-60 mins to relax over lunch before returning for a fast-paced, intensive afternoon session.

Students are asked to meet us at Westfields at 9:45 a.m. where their teachers will register them before the workshop starts. Students are expected to make their own way to the venue:

Located in: Westfield London
Address: Ariel Way, London W12 7GF

Payment of £35 will need to be made on ParentMail for any student wishing to take part, and this will also be taken as parent's/guardian's permission for attendance (please see attached instructions). The price includes the full day of engaged learning, a dedicated workshop booklet and free enrolment on Grade Booster Digital (the supporting online course). The deadline for payments is **Friday 17th March.**

Due to the demand for tickets, we are asking that students confirm attendance ASAP.

If you have any questions about this course, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr L Bailey
Head of Business and Economics
Lee.Bailey@furzeplatt.net

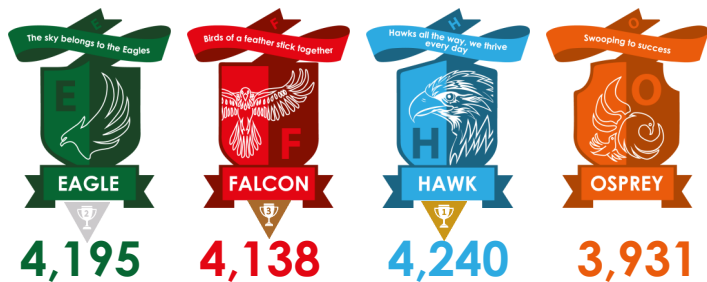
Mrs Bull
Teacher of Business and Economics
Lucy.Bull@furzeplatt.net



HOUSE POINTS THIS TERM

INTEGRITY

*** BEING PRINCIPLED * BEING HONEST * DOING THE RIGHT THING**



Winners Fortnight 1

INTEGRITY Points

Individuals

Whole School:

Wins a £10 Amazon Voucher!

Year 8 – Aleks Koziak (8SEM)

Year Groups:

All to get prizes

Year 7 – Jackson Knott (7MEE)

Year 9 – Quenisha De Abreu (9JAS)

Year 10 – Jack Taylor (10MAM)

Year 11 – Jayden Taylor (11ZHM)

Sixth Form - Catherine Barker (6AEB)

Tutor Groups

Whole School:

7KAH – Front of dinner queue pass

Year Groups:

All to get prizes

8SEM, 9MBT, 10MAM, 11KAK, 6AEB



Spelling Bee Challenge

- This half term's House competition is a Spelling Bee.
- Within each year group, the four Houses will compete against each other in teams of 4.
- The Spelling Bee will take place during tutor time in a classroom with one of the Heads of House.
- There will not be an audience.
- The winners will win prizes and lots of House points.
- All students who reach the final will receive 10 Integrity points each.
- The winning team members of each year group will win 25 Integrity points each.
- The winner will win 1000 points for their House, 2nd place will win 600 points for their House, 3rd place will win 400 points for their House, 4th place will win 200 points for their House.
- The winning team will also win some treats!



Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received invitations at the end of last term for their son or daughter to attend clubs during March.

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.

Please see below for a list of clubs for next week; if the national strike action does go ahead there will be no clubs on Wednesday or Thursday.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS SCHEDULE 2023



**Let's
Rock**

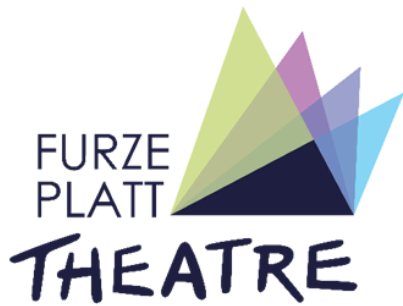
Do you want to be in the next number one pop band, a performer in the best classical orchestra in the world or you just want to be a better hairbrush singer?

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

Buy your tickets here now: www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre

Mrs M Holden
Theatre Manager
01628 625308 ext:169



FUNDRAISING EVENTS – YOU ARE INVITED




Building Bridge on Wednesday 22nd March

Dr Noemie Lopian, the daughter of two Holocaust survivors, and Derek Niemann, the grandson of an SS officer in a Nazi concentration camp give their personal stories of the two opposing sides. These unlikely friends share their family experiences and how they have found positive ways forward. Doors open at 6.30pm, with the talk beginning at 7pm – 9pm. Tickets are £5 to attend, and the PTFA are kindly selling soft drinks.

Panic Lounge on Friday 24th March

This local band are playing a mix of of 80s, 90s, 00s and recent cover tracks. Think Blondie, Bastille, the Killers, Oasis, Pulp, Queen and much more. They deliver a great night of dancing to fantastic live music and are not to be missed. There will be a bar onsite serving a range of drinks from 7pm in the Theatre.



BUILDING BRIDGES
Two unlikely friends share their stories

Wednesday 22 March 2023
Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start

BUILDING BRIDGES: BUY TICKETS

PANIC
lounge

We've got it *covered.*

FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023
Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start



PANIC LOUNGE: BUY TICKETS

We can't help everyone but everyone can help someone



HELPERS REQUIRED FOR REFRESHMENTS ON WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH AND FRIDAY 24TH MARCH - PLEASE EMAIL US ASAP WITH YOUR AVAILABILITY: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

Why not become more involved in FPSS PTFA?

Our volunteer bank needs recharging. We are recruiting more people to do more things less often. *Please email us TODAY so we can add you to our How I Can Help List.*

- ⇒ Don't be put off if you feel you can't give a lot of time – we don't ask for much! Any time you can give is very much appreciated whether serving refreshments or doing admin from home.
- ⇒ We can use any skills you have and we'd love to learn new ones from you.
- ⇒ Mums, Dads and carers bring different skills and an alternative perspective.
- ⇒ Being involved is a great way to connect with lots of different people.
- ⇒ We're a fun and sociable small team and we're keen to evolve – more the merrier!
- ⇒ Make a difference and benefit your child's/children's school experience by deciding where funds are spent. Come along to the next PTFA Committee meeting in April to hear more funding requests.



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/fpsstfta](https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfta)

CHARITY ZUMBA GLOW PARTY

17TH MARCH 2023

7pm - 8.30pm

(Doors open 6.40pm)

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY, LAUGH WITH
FRIENDS AND SUPPORT CHARITY**

Instructors are Niki, Rachel, Mary, Lucile

Furze Platt Senior School
Tickets: £10 in advance
£12 on the day

Glow sticks can be purchased on the
night.

Raffle - drawn by a celebrity guest!

Book Today:

Niki Kitt : nikisdancefit@gmail.com
Or call Julie Everard 07976 831517



RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITIES CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS:



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GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

01753 373 244 / 0800 999 1342

weekdays 9am to 5pm

<https://www.gems4health.com>

gems.4health@nhs.net

GEMS is for children, young people and adults who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.



WHAT DO WE PROVIDE?

Whatever stage of your autism/ADHD journey, whether likelihood, pre-assessment or post diagnosis...

GEMS offers a single point of contact where you can access information, advice and support.

- For parents and carers: Workshops, courses & animated learnings.
- For children and young people aged 5 & over: a programme of social groups
- A range of signposting to local & national services



New Beginnings, New College - Secure your Future



Open Events 2022-23

Open Events:

Saturday 15 October 2022

11.00am start 2.00pm close

Wednesday 19 October 2022

5.00pm start 8.00pm close

Tuesday 8 November 2022

5.00pm start 8.00pm close

Wednesday 1 March 2023

5.00pm start 8.00pm close

Saturday 18 March 2023

10.00am start 2.00pm close

Thursday 27 April 2023

5.00pm start 8.00pm close

Tuesday 20 June 2023

5.00pm start 8.00pm close



Richmond upon
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Apprenticeships

Find out more

www.rutc.ac.uk



Open Events 2022-23

If you are thinking about joining us in September 2023, we would love to welcome you to one of our Open Events where you will meet our teachers and specialist staff and find out more about us.

Full details and registration information is available on our website.

www.rutc.ac.uk/openevents

How to find us

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Email: info@rutc.ac.uk
www.rutc.ac.uk



Our Courses

- A Levels
- Vocational and technical qualifications
- ESOL
- Apprenticeships
- Access to Higher Education courses
- Supported Learning

Our Subjects:

ACCOUNTING ACTING ARCHITECTURE ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS BIOLOGY CARPENTRY AND JOINERY CATERING AND HOSPITALITY CHEMISTRY COMPUTING CRIMINOLOGY DANCE EARLY YEARS ENGINEERING ELECTRONIC AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING ENGLISH LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE ESPORTS ESOL FILM STUDIES FORENSIC AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION GCSE PATHWAY GRAPHICS AND ILLUSTRATION GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE HISTORY HUMANITIES LAW MATHEMATICS MEDIA MUSIC IT NETWORKING PHYSICS PLUMBING PSYCHOLOGY SCIENCE SOCIOLOGY SPORTS TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Our Facilities

- Dedicated Sixth Form offering a wide range of A Levels
- IT hub delivering courses in the latest technologies for the careers of the future including cyber security, network engineering, analytics, web, mobile and cloud technologies
- STEM Centre delivering engineering, CAD training
- State of the art classrooms with specialist rooms for digital and graphics courses
- 'The View' training restaurant and kitchens
- Theatre with seating for 160 people with live performance stage
- TV, drama, dance and music studios
- 3D prototyping FabLab, ceramics, darkroom and printmaking areas
- Art studios
- Exhibition art gallery for local artists and photographers
- Sports Centre and pitches