

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Year 13 Prom

On Wednesday evening I, along with many other colleagues, had the pleasure of welcoming our Year 13 to their Prom. Having not had a Prom in Year 11 due to the pandemic, it was fantastic to see students able to celebrate and enjoy the event. They were all looking incredibly glamorous mature young adults. We wish them all the best as they depart for further education, apprenticeships, and employment.

**Enrichment Afternoons**

On Tuesday and Wednesday our Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to experience a wide range of activities including ceramics, cooking, orienteering, comics, fashion, prosthetic make-up and robotics to name just a little bit of what has happened. We run these afternoons so all our students can try something new and maybe find that passion that encourages them to pursue an interest either within or beyond school as a career or hobby.

I would like to pay tribute to the FPSS team for laying on so many different opportunities.

In a couple of weeks Year 9 and 10 have a similar opportunity which I hope they enjoy!

Berkshire Schools Athletics Team

For the first time in our memories FPSS has three athletes - Brogan McCafferty, Frank McGrath and Demari Gumbs – in the Berkshire Schools Team competing at the English Championships. Congratulations and good luck to these three students.

Strikes - Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July

The next NEU strikes are scheduled for 5th and 7th July. Parents and carers will have received a letter from me today detailing arrangements for these days.

Take care,

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

ALL EVENTS

Next week (Week 1)

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| SAT 1 JULY | Grand Uniform Sale - PTFA | 11am - 2pm |
| TUE 4 JULY | Year 6 Parents' Q&A / Drop In Evening | 6.30pm - 8pm |
| WED 5 JULY | NEU Strike Day - please see letter from Dr Morrison | |
| TUE 4 - WED 5 JULY | Year 6 Taster Days | |
| THUR 6 JULY | Art and Technology End of Year Exhibition | 7-8.30pm |
| FRI 7 JULY | NEU Strike Day - please see letter from Dr Morrison | |
| SUN 9 - WED 12 JULY | Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip - Nettlecombe | |
| MON 10 - FRI 14 JULY | Year 12 Work Experience Week | |
| TUE 11 JULY | INSET Day - School closed for all year groups | |
| WED 12 JULY | Year 9 Enrichment Afternoon | |
| THU 13 JULY | Year 10 Enrichment Afternoon | |

SCHOOL TERM DATES**YEAR 7 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 directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents or by clicking the link below which takes you to our website and includes our latest Guidance to Grading document.

REPORTS & GUIDANCE FOR GRADING

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who donated for last Friday's non-uniform day, we raised just under £1000. The money will go to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice.



YEAR 11 PROM AND GRADUATION

Last week saw both our Year 11 Prom and Year 11 Graduation, both of which were truly memorable events.

YEAR 11 GRADUATION VIDEO

Thank you to everyone involved. We will see many of our Year 11 students when they return for our Sixth Form in September and hope they have enjoyed their taster sessions.

Details of how to access professional Prom photographs from Ashby Giles Photography (who also took the above graduation video) have been sent to all Year 11 parents and carers whose sons or daughters attended the event.

Those who are going on to other destinations will have a lovely reminder of their time at Furze Platt.

CONTACT MARIA ASHBY-GILES PHOTOGRAPHY



GRAND UNIFORM SALE 11AM-2PM

SATURDAY 1ST JULY IN MU2

The PTFA annual Preloved Uniform Sale will be offering logo'd PE kit and daywear at reasonable prices. Bring your children to try on the clothing and your carrier bags. Arrive from 11am to grab a few bargains, cash and bank transfers accepted.

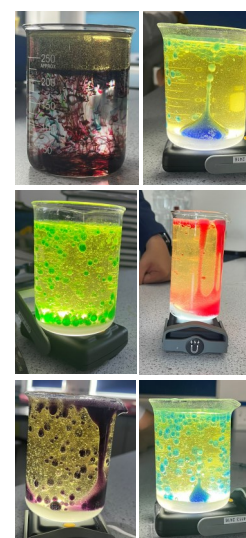
We encourage the recycling, reuse and repurpose of goods so this event is ecologically, economically and environmentally friendly. All funds raised go towards supporting your child's school experiences.

Helpers are still needed for tonight and tomorrow, please email ptfa@furzeplatt.net. Thank you.



YEAR 7 AND 8 ENRICHMENT DAYS

Students in Years 7 and 8 have had so much fun in their enrichment sessions over the past two days. They chose from a wide range of ideas including CSI investigative techniques to Food Critics, Orienteering, Robotics, Sound FX, Problem Solving, Textiles Upcycling and much, much more!



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Well done to them all, it was lovely to see students learning new skills, working in new teams and above all, reflecting the school's ACHIEVE values across a broad range of activities.



Clay Workshop



CSI Murder



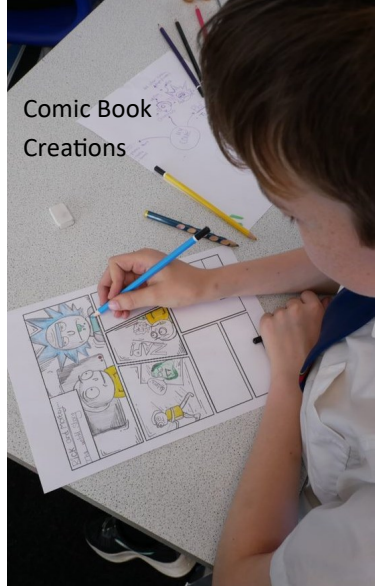
Robotics



Prosthetic Makeup



Textiles Upcycle



Comic Book Creations



Earthquake Engineer



Orienteering Camp Skills



Orienteering



Textiles T-Shirts



Fun with Lego



Bakeoff



Science of Hogwarts



ART IN COOKHAM



A huge well done to everyone involved with the artistic design and painting of the skateboard ramp in Alfred Major Park in Cookham.



In collaboration with Cookham Parish Council, students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and Mrs Hawkins, Head of Art have been transforming this equipment for the benefit of all users.



ART SHOW – END OF YEAR EXHIBITION

Thursday 6th July 7-8.30pm

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL
Art and Technology Department

Product Design
Art
Food
Textiles
Photography

GCSE and A Level
End of Year Exhibition
Thursday 6th July
7pm - 8.30pm
Furze Platt Senior School - Art Block

No photography permitted at the event.

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Osprey House, this week's ACHIEVE point winners!



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SPORTING SUPERSTARS

Alex Okonkwo (Year 13) had the memorable experience of playing tennis with World Number 12 men's tennis player – Felix Auger Aliassime at Boodles (Stoke Park) this week.



Below Anna writes about her audition experience for the Opera North Youth Orchestra:

To audition for the Opera North Youth Orchestra, I had to choose two contrasting solo pieces to play, and then play a series of orchestral excerpts chosen by the auditioning panel. This gives the auditioning panel the opportunity see how you play as a soloist, and your interests within the solo repertoire for your instrument, as well as seeing where you would fit within their orchestra. Had I auditioned in person (I auditioned online) I would have taken part in a group exercise, but instead I wrote with my application a little about myself as a musician and why I had chosen to audition for the orchestra. Music has been an incredibly important part of my time at school, and it was crucial to me to be able to continue to study music alongside my degree, so I am very excited to have been offered a seat in the orchestra.



TOTALLY RAD ARE COMING TO FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL!

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STUDENT SUCCESS



Congratulations to our Senior Student 2022-2023 Anna Gambrell (Year 13) on two fantastic music achievements. Anna has been accepted into the National Youth Choir of Great Britain and will be part of the Opera North Youth Orchestra from September when she continues her studies in the north of England. Anna has been an active part of the Performing Arts Department since she started at FPSS. She has been part of every possible music ensemble and attended all performances. Her skills have developed to the point where she has been involved in the running of several ensembles this year and last. She has even scaled the dizzying heights of the English block to perform the Last Post on Remembrance days. We would like to congratulate Anna in all her musical achievements and wish her all the best in the future.





Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received invitations today for their son / daughter to attend clubs for their son/daughter for this term.

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.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS SCHEDULE 2023

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- + Learning Support Assistants



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1. For Year 12s wanting to go to Med School

For Year 12s wishing to study Medicine and Dentistry at university starting in 2024 (or deferred entry in 2025), there is a compulsory 2 hour aptitude test to take this summer called UCAT. Students will need to get a high score to be accepted. Our Head of Year 12, Miss Inwood, runs a UCAT training session during REC Week 1.

There is a virtual conference that you can attend this Sunday (11am-2pm) or Saturday 8th July (11am-2pm) or Saturday 15th July (9am - 12pm) which is FREE. It is recommended that you register as soon as possible for the conference via this link:

REGISTER HERE

During the conference, Dr Hannah Orme will show people where and how to access the best UCAT revision resources, hand selected by doctors and UCAT experts. She will also provide a comprehensive guide to the UCAT exam, including:

- Introduction to UCAT
- Different sections of UCAT
- Example questions and how to answer them
- Common mistakes and pitfalls
- Ways of improving/practising speed reading and decision-making elements
- When to book UCAT exams

You will need to book the UCAT test yourself and to allow enough time to prepare for it – you will need to dedicate 5 weeks minimum to this. The bookings for the test have now opened and will close on 21st Sept. Students must take the test between 10th July and 28th Sept 2023. The test will cost £70.

The 3 closest centres to here are Slough, Reading and Uxbridge. The website to book the test and to find out more about UCAT is here:

BOOK TEST & FIND OUT MORE

2. The RBWM Job Fair

This week, the RBWM held its job fair at the library in Maidenhead. Anybody looking for work and wishing to work for the council, can look here:

FIND OUT MORE

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There are a number of vacancies currently, including some suitable for school leavers.

Apprenticeships are becoming more and more popular. Way2Work are currently advertising apprenticeships for Level 2 Childcare, Level 2 Customer Service, Level 3 Business Administration and Level 3 Teaching Assistant.

Find out more here:

FIND OUT MORE

RBWM also has apprenticeships and these will be advertised in October.

3. Volunteering

With long summer holidays ahead and also students wishing to get more experience for their UCAS applications, volunteering is a great option. These local places are looking for volunteers:

The sustainable shop Filling Good in the town centre: ring Nelly or email shopping@fillinggood.co.uk

The Museum and Info Centre and Guildhall in Windsor:

FIND OUT MORE

SATURDAY FOOTBALL PLAYERS NEEDED!

Bourne End Juniors are looking for new players in all positions to expand their under 13's team for next season as they move to 11 a side football.

The team will be coached by Mark owns/set up his own Academy called AMA. Mark has a wealth of experience having previously worked with Fulham FC and was thier academy coach between 2017-2021 before setting up his own business. He has his UEFA C , FA Level 2 and FUTSAL Level 1 Badges.

If your child is looking for a new challenge and would like to join a well established and well run football club, then we'd love to hear from you!

Depending on the league's final decisions we will be playing in Division 2/3 of the EAST BERKSHIRE Football Alliance League.

We currently train at Wooburn Park and matches are on SATURDAY mornings.

Open trials begin in the coming weeks at Wooburn Park.

So, if you are interested and your child will be going into school year 8 next year then please contact Stuart at bejscu13@gmail.com



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SATURDAY 1st JULY 2023

11AM-2PM

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE



Logo'd uniform in clean and saleable condition required via school reception.

Friday: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Saturday: 11am - 2pm

Helpers required Friday and Saturday - ten per day.

Sixth Formers and DofE students also welcome.

FEEDBACK AND IDEAS WELCOME - YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US!



ptfa@furzeplatt.net



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<https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa>

Learning Support Assistants To start as soon as possible

Permanent, Part time, 30 hours a week, start time usually between 8.45/9.15am, finish time between 3.15/3.45pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only plus two INSET days (flexibility with hours is negotiable) Actual Starting Salary £16,730

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 offer a friendly and harmonious campus, and we support the physical and mental wellbeing of all our staff. Discounted membership is available for the use of a fully equipped and well-maintained gym on-site. All staff have access to an employee advice programme which offers information, resources and a counselling service. We reward long service and encourage community spirit and staff involvement through various social events including orienteering, murder mystery quizzes, sports after school and a Furze Platt fantasy football league. Tea and coffee are free, and freshly brewed coffee is available in the main staff room at break times with edible treats to help you through the week!

We are looking for enthusiastic and reliable individuals to join our Core Learning Support team who provide targeted support to our students with Special Educational Needs within the mainstream school, or our Shine team, providing targeted support to our students with an autistic spectrum condition diagnosis in the ASC Resource Base.

You would be working under the direction of the SENCO or Shine teachers, and classroom teachers to provide support for individual students across key stages 3 to 5, in line with any agreed SEND or other specialist plans. Supporting small groups of students for interventions and mentoring nominated students is also a part of this role. You will help students develop their organisational, social and communication skills and help them gain access to the curriculum by ensuring effective use of differentiated instructions and tasks.

We are looking for team players, who can communicate sensitively and confidently with staff, students and parents/carers. This role would suit someone who is able to use their own initiative and who has strong organisational and time management skills. We would love to receive applications from anyone who is working with or has worked with students in a school setting and gained experience or knowledge of SEN (Special Educational Needs) or ASC (Autistic Spectrum Condition).

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. Application forms should be returned to 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 possible

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Information Evening

Tuesday 4th July
5:30pm-8:00pm



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