

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Enrichment

When examinations are over, friends and acquaintances not in schools often assume that the rest of Term 6 is a wind down to the summer. Instead, it can often be one of the busiest within the school diary with staff able to offer a series of enrichment opportunities for our students.



Within the last few weeks we have seen the likes of Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, Enrichment Afternoons for Year 7 and 8, Sports Day, Year 6 Transition Days, Sixth Form Taster Days and Mock Interviews (please see page 8 for more details).

The last week has continued this trend with our Geography Nettlecombe Fieldtrip, Year 9 and 10 Enrichment Afternoons, Year 12 Work Experience and visits to Thorpe Park. At the end of a busy year, I would like to thank all colleagues, parents and carers for supporting these events. We could not offer such an array of opportunities without their goodwill and enthusiasm.



More enrichment photos can be seen on page 4 and 5.

Year 10 Drama

Many congratulations to our Year 10 students who performed so well on Thursday night in their GCSE component examination. I know colleagues were incredibly impressed by students' efforts.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

Next week (Week 1)

TUE 18 - THU 20 JULY	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Assessment	
WED 19 - THU 20 JULY	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Assessment	
FRI 21 JULY	END OF TERM (TERM 6)	12.30pm finish

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Attendance

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers who make such efforts to ensure their children attend school regularly. While FPSS attendance figures are yet to be back at their pre-pandemic levels, we are notably above the average for secondary schools across the country. Many thanks for all you do to support our school.

Take care,

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

GETTING READY FOR KEY STAGE 4



Students who are currently in Year 9 will be starting their exciting journey of GCSE studies in September. I would like to support students with their preparation for the 'step up' by introducing you to GCSEPod, the award-winning digital learning content and revision provider used by over 1,700 schools worldwide.

As a student of a subscribed school, your child now has access to GCSEPod's library of over 6,500 'Pods', 3-5 minute videos designed to deliver knowledge in short bursts. GCSEPod makes learning and revision much more manageable: every Pod is mapped to the exam boards studied at Furze Platt, and contains all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success – all neatly organised into topics and exam playlists.

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In most subjects there is an option to select 'Getting Ready for KS4 (GCSE)'. In this section, you will see a list of 'PODs' (short videos) that are deemed by the exam boards as important to know prior to starting GCSE studies. Many subjects also have workbooks available via the 'Extra Resources' drop down menu for students to complete as well as watching the PODs.

As well as Pods, GCSEPod also has a host of Student Learning Activities, which are designed to help students commit content to their long-term memory. Alongside this is the award-winning Check & Challenge tool, which provides quizzes for your child to test their knowledge and to track their progress throughout the academic year. Check & Challenge provides scaffolded support through hints, multiple choice options and feedback statements, which helps to consolidate learning and build students' confidence. All of this will no doubt help students during Year 10 and Year 11.

WWW.GCSEPOD.COM/PARENTS

For more ways to support your child using GCSEPod, please visit the link above where you'll find lots more information, a specially created Parent Toolkit with information on making the most of your child's subscription and links to their fantastic upcoming parent/carers webinars:

PARENT/CARER WEBINARS

Your child has already been registered with GCSEPod, so all they need to do is activate their account by following the instructions in this link below.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, if you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

ACTIVATE STUDENT ACCOUNT

Mrs D Feather

Raising Achievement Manager



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'School leaders are ambitious for the school. They enjoy positive relationships with the rest of the staff and work with them to ensure the success of the school.'

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COUNTY LINES ASSEMBLIES

(Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12)

Thames Valley Police have secured funding for St Giles Trust to come into a number of local schools to raise awareness of Country Lines Exploitation. As you will be aware, Maidenhead's proximity to London has meant TVP has seen an increase in Country Lines activity in recent year, within Maidenhead and neighbouring towns. TVP aims to provide education to young people about the risks, warning signs and impacts of County Lines exploitation.

The St Giles Trust is a well respected provider of such education and the use the expertise and lived experiences of their staff to support those who are in similar situations. These assemblies support our wider PSHE curriculum and complement previous events such as the County Lines Drama productions.

**St
Giles**

Miss Lewis, Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 3

PREPARING TO SUCCEED

(Current Year 9 and Year 10)

Save the date: Tuesday 12th September

Parents, carers and students are invited and encouraged to attend our 'Preparing to Succeed' Year 10 and 11 Information Evening on Tuesday 12th September.

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The Year 10 presentation starts at 18:15 with Year 11 at 19:30, each lasting no longer than an hour.

Each presentation will be delivered by their Head of Progress (Year 10 – Mr Djaelani & Year 11 Mrs Ridgley) as well as our Key Stage 4 Raising Achievement Manager, Mrs Feather.

If you have any queries please email either:

Mr Djaelani (chris.djaelani@furzeplatt.net) or

Mrs Ridgley (charlotte.ridgley@furzeplatt.net).

VISIT TO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY – WALES FOR CURRENT YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Monday 10th June – Thursday 13th June 2024

We are very excited to announce that Furze Platt Senior School will be running a trip to Pembrokeshire, Wales next summer for Year 8 students (current Year 7). We are partnering with Flooglebinder a travel and conservation company. They are the first B-Corp certified travel company and are experts in delivering educational programmes that create change for people and the planet.

On this 4-day adventure in South Wales, students will be immersed in all things wildlife, conservation, and sustainability. The Expedition also works on teambuilding, communication, and personal development skills.

To find out more about the trip and the itinerary follow the link below, Please note the password: wales

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

More information was sent out via ParentMail today to parents and carers.

Mr D Randall

Outdoor Education and Enrichment Coordinator



YEAR 7 SPORTING SUPERSTARS

Berkshire Schools County Athletics Championships

On Thursday 6th July, six of our Year 7 students attended the Berkshire Schools County Athletics Championships after being selected to represent RBWM. These students showed great endurance competing at this high level after participating in Sports Day. Well done to:

Ted Wright for running a fast 75m and placing 2nd in Relay.

Luke Parker and Will Hayward for getting PBs in 600m.

Jack Admans for his fantastic effort in Long Jump.

Archie Charles and Joe Brooker for placing 1st and 2nd in 1000m.



‘Pupils are friendly, courteous and polite.’

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Well done to those who took part in the RBWM Athletics Championships on Monday 3rd July – each student chosen has excelled in athletics during Games Lessons and had the opportunity to showcase their skills at a competition. Great work by them all for representing the school brilliantly!

Students involved:

Jack Admans, Lukas McLachlan, Joe Brooker, Archie Charles, Luke Parker, Will Hayward, Theo Sangamneheri, Remy Nicholson, Ted Wright, Izzy Keane, Sienna Cooper, Sophia Mormech, Chloe Henry, Nadia Dominte, Imogen Starkey, Leticia Ferreira, Casey Schuck, Jenson Jones, Ethan Heywood, Alfie Everson-Plant, George Kemp, Alexander Davison, Yvan Wilson, Rhys Holmes, Tyler Lovett, Daniel Sturgess, Anna Webster, Alissia Thomas, Nelly Bartkowiak, Star Hart, Lois Sellman, Talia Abou Saleh, Ellie McCaffery, Isolde V.Sakka, Adriano Cilia, Noah Thomas, Joe Challis, Leo Starkey, Aaran Hitschmann, Toby Holmes, Fabien Mormech, Monty Lyall, Kurtis Wood, Anna Cook, Anna Greenland, Darcy Williams, Darcy Veazey, Ella Siddons, Jigeesha Mamidala, Zuzanna Piankowska, Ellie MacNamara, Evie Rowe, Kacper Wrobel, Theo Streatfield, Daniel Higley, Sam Cranch, Connor Fitzgibbon, Rowan Sellman, Bastien Correia, Danielle Beckley, Sophie McLachlan, Courtney Harris, Misty Fernandes, Phoebe Matthews, Namfon Avellano, Annabelle Stratford, Lily Slater, Holly Cannon.

Overall Scores:

Year 7 – Boys = 3rd, Girls = 4th

Year 8 – Boys = 3rd, Girls = 5th

Year 9 - Boys = 4th, Girls = 4th

Year 10 – Boys = 6th, Girls = 2nd

Special mentions to:

Archie Charles 1st in 1000m

Rhys Holmes 1st in Shot Putt

Isolde V.Sakka 1st in Javelin

Anna Webster 1st in 200m

Adriano Cilia 1st in 800m

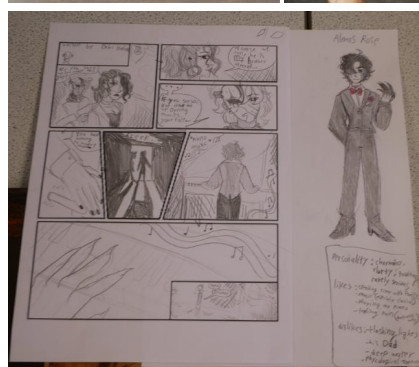
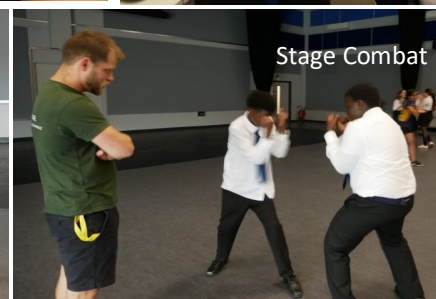
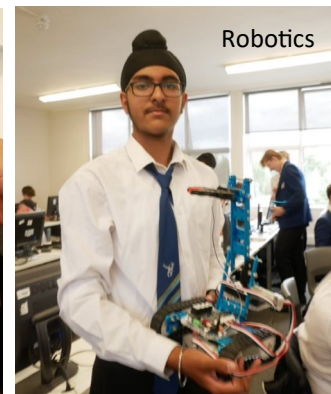
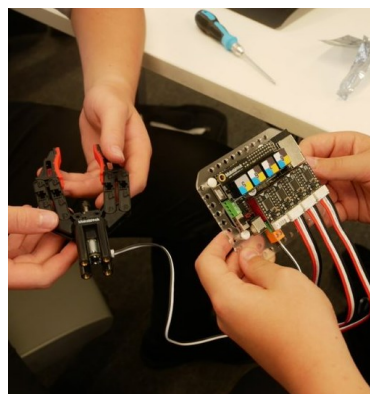
Sophie McLachlan 1st in 300m and 800m

Connor Fitzgibbon 1st in High Jump and Javelin

Danielle Beckley 1st in Shot Putt

Sam Cranch 1st in Triple Jump

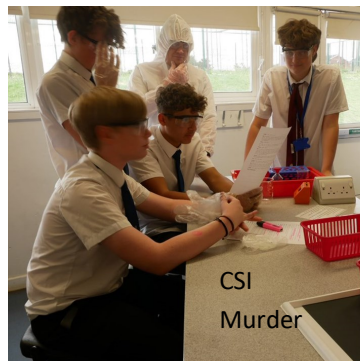
This week it was the turn of students in Years 9 and 10 to enjoy enrichment sessions that covered a range of fantastic activities – from stage fighting to CSI Murder, from Batik to Bake Off and from board games to Army sessions, students threw themselves wholeheartedly into their chosen pastimes.



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YEAR 9 CONSTRUCTION

Miss Carty's class had a fantastic day out in London navigating all the main sightseeing attractions which they managed to do successfully travelling by rail and underground.



CSI Murder



Task Master



Batik



Army Team Building



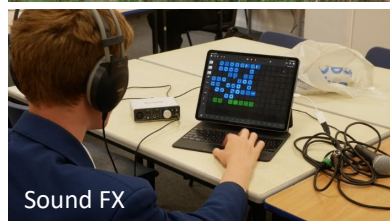
Orienteering



Orienteering Camp Skills



Prosthetic Makeup



Sound FX



Prosthetic Makeup





Well done also to all students who have been working hard to finish their skills, volunteering and physical sections of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Students who are on expeditions next week should have received information today via Parentmail from Mr Randall (david.randall@furzeplatt.net).

Year 9 student Gilad Kader, currently working towards his Bronze Award, has exemplified the benefits of the Duke of Edinburgh:

For my Duke of Edinburgh Award Physical section I have chosen to start exercising at Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead. I have been training twice a week for an hour and a half each time.

I feel that ever since I have started going to the Gym, my fitness has improved, with my attitude to PE becoming more positive.



Photos courtesy of Christine Doyle



Tuesday 10th October, 7pm: 'Autistic Girls' Talk at Furze Platt Theatre.

Please join us for an evening's insight into how autism presents itself in girls. We are joined by Cathy Wassell who runs the Autistic Girls Network. She is the mother of a girl with autism, and talks professionally and personally about the challenges of getting a diagnosis for girls. Ticket prices are £5 and can be purchased via the link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre> or our QR code.



Mrs M Holden
Theatre Manager

YEAR 9 AND 10 ART AND DESIGN



Cookham Skateboard Ramp

Our Year 9 and 10 Art students were back in Cookham to finish their painting of the skateboard ramp in Alfred Major Recreation Ground.

A huge thank you to all involved – this is a wonderful community collaboration that will benefit many people.



TOTALLY RAD ARE COMING TO FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL!

RAD believe that whatever the skill level or budget, all children deserve access to exceptional music tuition.

Our highly skilled network of professional musicians provide next-level tuition for the next generation of talent, no matter the location, budget or capability.

Provided on-site, within school hours and at a highly-competitive rate; with **RAD**, students can experience expert music tuition that helps them sharpen skills, express creativity, and dream BIG, with no disruption or stress – all from the very best in the business.

For more information, and to sign-up your child to **RAD** lessons, just use the following link; we'll do the rest.

SIGN ME UP



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. 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.

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.

'The school is rightly proud of its extra-curricular provision.'



During last term, various members of the Eco Club took part in the annual Global Social Leaders Competition. We were kindly sponsored by Wellington College and essentially students had to design their own project that they could work on in school which was led by the students themselves. Oliwia Drozdowska (Year 8) took on the role of team leader and did a superb job in motivating the team to produce a 'Living Wall' around the outside of the Year 7 playground. Their aim was to address three key categories: Health and Well-being, Life on Land and Climate Action. Over the course of the term they made their own recyclable planters (with help from our site team) and planted these up with species which would entice a range of insects and increase the biodiversity on site. Their hope is that once the wall is established it will become an inviting area within the school where students can visit to connect with nature and for teachers to be able to utilise as an outdoor classroom.



The team did a superb job, putting in a lot of time and effort and Oliwia went above and beyond in producing an exceptional report which she submitted to the GSL committee. Oliwia attended the GSL festival, held online, and I am so proud to announce that our team won the Junior Award for the Climate and Sustainability category. The judges wrote the following in regards to their project: 'This is just the kind of project I love. Most schools and students could do this around the world and just need the exemplar of how to do it, like this! Practical, useful, collaborative and easy to replicate.'

Oliwia's report:

Over the past few months, we; The Eco Club, have been looking at completing a project for the Global Social Leaders Organization. This is a competition that has teams contribute to the sustainable development goals set by the UN. Our project was called: The Green Wall. It was a plan to help make, the once empty part of the field, flourish and become more biodiverse. So far, we have planted things such as the roses and the fedge as well as

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help build the wooden planters. We all had lots of fun so far, getting soaked by the surprise rain, taking many pictures of our progress and learning about new plant specimens. We have all learned how to well work in a team and I have improved my leadership skills being our groups team leader. We are excited to be continuing with our plan and expand it through time.



Well done Green Team for all your efforts and a big thank you also goes to Mrs Cook who helped supervise and advise on all the various activities!

Miss E Holmes, Head of Eco Club

- I liked how the questions allowed me to think about things that I wouldn't normally consider when thinking about myself, so I think this experience also allowed me to learn more about myself as well as gain insight into what kinds of questions could be asked of me in a job interview.

The volunteers were clearly impressed by the students, making comments such as

- I found it a thoroughly engaging session. Great to meet so many personable and forward-thinking 17yr olds.
- Really gives me hope for the future knowing that we have such wonderful youngsters coming into the world of work.
- We would like to thank the volunteers for giving up their time and helping provide such a worthwhile experience for our students.

Mrs J Bubb, Careers Leader



YEAR 12 MOCK INTERVIEWS

On Thursday 6th July, 24 volunteers from a wide variety of companies/organisations gave up their time to come into school and conduct mock interviews with our Year 12 students. Although some students were, understandably, nervous before their interview, they all found the experience very valuable.

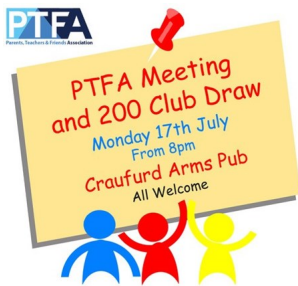
Feedback from students included comments such as

- I enjoyed facing my fear of being interviewed and being given a chance to practise presenting myself to a possible employer.
- It was a good experience, as it helped to understand the types of questions and the whole process so it will be much less daunting in the future, as they gave lots of constructive criticism to build on as well.

LINKED IN TRAINING

The students on the Alternative Work Experience Provision Week had a LinkedIn training session with one of our LSAs Bettina Siddiqi who also runs Busy B solutions and LinkedIn Training. They learned how to set up a profile, how to promote themselves, how to use hashtags, about the privacy settings and how to create a banner using Canva.





PTFA MEETING AND 200 CLUB DRAW

You are invited to our PTFA Meeting and 200 Club Draw, to be held at the Craufurd Arms in Gringer Hill on Monday at 8pm.

As a bonus to the end of term, by joining our 200 Club by 6pm on Sunday 16th you could be in with a chance of winning £200 cash on Monday evening. We encourage you to enter the Draw for a minimum of £5 a month (less than 2 coffees a month!) for one number. So follow the link below or click on the QR code without delay:

200 CLUB



200 CLUB
Winning numbers
for our next draw



We'll discuss finances, funding requests, officer roles and up-coming events. Please come and meet us!

We value your input and feedback greatly, so, if you're unable to make Monday and have some comments, then email us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net and/or message us through our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fpsstfta>

WE ARE HIRING

JOB VACANCIES AT FURZE PLATT

- HLTA (Inclusion)
- LSA
- Science Technician Level One
- Data & Admissions Manager
- Staff Communication & Human Resources Manager



CURRENT VACANCIES

'Pupils are respectful to one another, and polite and friendly to visitors.'

MACGREGOR

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NETBALL

Bringing a Little Sunshine
into the Game



Fun and Learn

Tuesday

4.00pm – 5.30pm

Dates

July 25th

August 1st / 8th / 15th

Price £5.00 per session

Year 2 to year 8

Email: macgregornetballmaidenhead@gmail.com

Held at

Furze Platt Leisure Centre – Outdoor Courts



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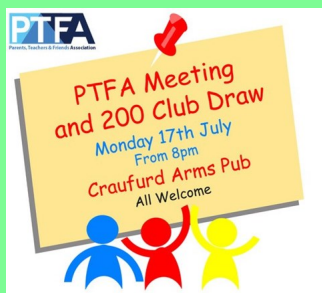
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Mondays

4.30-5.25 School years 2, 3 and 4

5.30-6.25 School year 5 and 6

6.30-7.25 School year 7 and 8

Sports Hall, Furze Platt Leisure Centre

£4.50 per session / or pay upfront termly at reception

*see reception for term prices

Contact us for more info and to book on:

Phone - 01628 965754 or Email - furzeplatt@leisurefocus.org.uk

www.leisurefocus.org.uk



Yoga for Girls aged 11 - 16

Carly Brown, Yoga Teacher

Carly started practicing yoga over twenty years ago as a teenager herself, and qualified to teach in 2016.

She brings a lightness, fun and creativity to all of her classes. She covers breath exercises, postures, anatomy, meditation, hand mudras, relaxation.

Her aim is always to empower those in her class, promoting a sense of calm, connection, and resilience. And also enabling them to start to build their own mini practice for life, for all the benefits it can bring.

In her spare time Carly likes to practice yoga, draw, and walk my Labrador Fred.

Thursdays, Term time

New course begin 14th September

7pm-8pm

St Edmund Campion Parish Centre,
Altwood Road, Maidenhead



- Supporting physical development by increasing flexibility and strength
- Helping to build emotional and mental resilience
- Breath work and other techniques to increase energy and decrease anxiety and stress
- A non competitive and fun environment
- Opportunity to get active, connect and engage with others, as well as step away from technology for a time
- A route to rediscover and reconnect with what it is to enjoy movement and activity

DETAILS AND BOOKING

<https://www.movehappyfitness.co.uk/kids-yoga>

Questions?

Contact: Nicola Porter
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www.movehappyfitness.co.uk
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PQA MAIDENHEAD PRESENTS



LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical



REHEARSALS : 14-19 AUGUST (10AM-5PM) - MAIDENHEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
PERFORMANCE: 19 AUGUST (6PM) - NEW THEATRE FURZE PLATT

£175 PER STUDENT/£150 SIBLING RATE

Original Production by Hal Luftig, Fox Theatricals, Dori Bernstein, James L. Nederlander, Independent Presenters Network, Roy Furmen, Amanda Lipitz, Broadway Asia, Barbara Whitman, FWPM Group, Handel/Wissenfeld, Goldberg/Blinder, Stern/Meyer, Lane/Comley, Bartner-Jenkins/Nocciolino and Warren Trepp; Produced in association with MGM Onstage, Darcie Denkert and Dean Stolber.

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