

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Sporting Successes

One of the joys of being part of the FPSS community is to celebrate the various achievements of our students and staff. This week I was delighted to learn that one of our Year 7 students, Theo Sangamneheri, had won a Gold medal in the 200m Butterfly at the South-East Summer Regional Championships. Congratulations also to all students who competed at the Berkshire County Championships with Furze Platt Year 7 students victorious in the 600m and 100m; Archie Charles won two Gold medals (and set a new County record) and Joe Brooker won Silver and Bronze.



Pictured: Theo (left) and Archie and Joe (right)

Last week, I shared news that our U16 and U19 boys made their County Football Finals. Sadly, our U16 team lost out on penalties to Garth Hill. Good luck to our U19s in their upcoming final and to our U14 boys also who beat Forest Academy in their Championship Semi-Final and are now progressing to their final.



TERM 5 EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

Next Week (Week 2)

MON 22 MAY	Laptops for Learning Information Evening - 6pm start time for new Year 7, 7.30pm start time for all other year groups	6-9pm
WED 24 MAY	Drama Summer Showcase	7pm
FRI 26 MAY	END OF TERM (TERM 5)	3.15pm finish

SCHOOL TERM DATES



Pictured: U14 team - Owen Shaw, Adriano Cilia, Monty Harte, Indie Halstead, Tristan Gobvu, Jaden Brown, Roddy Sekula, Miguel Hope, Joe Parrott, Toby Abubakari, Murphy Camp-Overy, Aaran Hitschmann, Noah Thomas and Riley Simpson.



Pictured: U16 team: Freddie Astrup-McGuinness, Lennon Moore, Jake Coomes, Reece Ovens, Callum Brennan, Jayden Taylor, Josh Parrott, Jayden Weier, John Hern, Dylan Williams-Lock, Nicolai Harrit, Max Bayod, Eric Bayod, Amaan Munir, Oli Basford and Jude Rosten.

The following Furze Platt students were selected to represent RBWM in the County Championships:

Anna Webster, Jenson Jones – 200m; Noah Thomas – 300m; Connor Fitzgibbon – Javelin; Danielle Beckley – Shot; Sophie McLachlan – 300m Hurdles; Brogan McCafferty – 100m; Frank McGrath – 3000m; Demari Gumbs – 400m Hurdles; Alfie Wiggins, Tyler Lovett, Sam Cranch – Discus

Please do share news of other achievements in our community by email to Media@furzeplatt.net

Examinations

Congratulations to all our students who are working so hard on their examinations. Standing by the examination hall at the start and end of exams the level of focus is evident. Thank you for all our families are doing at home to support. Whether students perceive themselves to have had a good or bad first week, nothing can change past examinations. The key is to keep looking towards the next examination, revising, practising and ensuring that it is a success.

Key Stage 3 Drama Showcase

I am looking forward to an enjoyable evening next week in our Theatre for our KS3 Drama Summer Showcase. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Laptops for Learning

Parents and carers of students in current Year 6 (joining FPSS in September), Year 8 and Year 9 received a letter from me on Monday about Laptops for Learning. A reminder that should you have any questions there is an information evening on Monday 22nd May (6pm start for Year 6, 7.30pm for Years 8 and 9).

Take care,

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



YEAR 11 GRADUATION TICKETS

The deadline for booking Graduation tickets is approaching, so if you would like to attend, please could you use ParentMail to reserve your tickets by Friday 26th May. You can find the item by selecting 'Payments' from the main

ParentMail menu and then 'Shop' from the bottom bar.

There is no charge, but you must go through the full check-out process.

Tickets are currently limited to two per student and please remember that you do not have to purchase a ticket for the graduating student. Any unclaimed tickets will be re-released after the deadline.

If your child has already earned enough points to attend Prom and you haven't yet purchased a ticket, you will also see this item available to buy in the ParentMail shop.



HOW TO FIND AND PAY FOR TRIPS AND OTHER ITEMS

OUR DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Pictured: Nina, Jay and Amy; Miss Carty



Congratulations to all our Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award winners who were invited to Buckingham Palace on Monday to celebrate their fantastic skills, volunteering, physical, expedition and residential achievements. Due to the ceremony at the palace being delayed due to covid, some of the students listed below are in Sixth Form but others are now in their final years at university or working to further their careers elsewhere.

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Thank you to all parents, carers and colleagues at Furze Platt for their support and encouragement of our Duke of Edinburgh Award students, especially Miss Carty, DofE Manager (Skills, Physical, Volunteering and Gold Residential sections), and Mr Randall, Outdoor Education and Enrichment Leader (Expedition section).



Amelia Ballard	Steven Johnstone
Paul Barnes	Jay Keyte
Holly Bird	Elliott Roels
Tom Cannon	Anna Swift
Rose Cooper	Finn Treacy
Nina Drenski	Harry Webb
Victor Harrit	Amy Winhammar
Harry Healey	Isaac Woda
Nicholas Holdsworth	

15.5.23 – 24.5.23: Exam Phase 1

During *Exam Phase 1*, students will either be in an exam, a revision session for that exam or in their normal lessons (there is an expectation for all students to attend both timetabled lessons and revision sessions if not in an exam). When in normal lessons, students will have a choice of either working with their teacher for that subject or to revise for another subject – quiet study will be expected. However, students will not be expected to attend tutor time and will thus not be required in school until 8.45 if they have a 9.00am exam or 9.10 if they are going to normal lessons or a revision session. When students have an afternoon exam they will be permitted to leave the school site as soon as the exam finishes.

25.5.23 – 21.6.23: Exam Phase 2

From Thursday 25th May *Exam Phase 2* starts. During this phase students will attend their exams and the associated revision sessions (there is no expectation to attend normal lessons). When they are not in an exam or a revision session they will have Home Study, where they will be expected to be working at home preparing for their next exam.

Please take a few moments to review these arrangements and the exam phase revision programme with your child. If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me – either by phone (01628 625308) or email (james.dollery@furzeplatt.net).

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher

EARLY BREAK 2 W/C 15TH MAY

To accommodate exam timings, from Monday 15th May we will have an early Break 2 (12:45-1:15), with P4 running after Break 2 (from 1:15-2:15) rather than before.

YEAR 11 GCSE REVISION PROGRAMME

Dear Year 11 Parents,

I hope this email finds you well and your child's final GCSE exam preparations are going well. As promised, please find our final GCSE revision programme below which covers both exam phase 1 and 2 for your information and reference. Here is another reminder about our expectations during the two exam phases:

GCSE REVISION PROGRAMME MAY/JUNE 2023

REVISION RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

'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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YEAR 8 GCSE LANGUAGE CHOICES

Deadline Monday 22nd May

At Furze Platt students choose their GCSE options in Year 9 and will continue to study a broad curriculum, ensuring they are well prepared for their GCSEs which start in Year 10. Students will choose their GCSE options during Term 3 in 2024. However, to prepare them for the demands of GCSEs some subjects in Year 9 will be given slightly more lesson time than in Years 7 and 8.

This week all Year 8 students sat in an assembly led by Mrs Budgett, who oversees Key Stage 3 Modern Foreign Languages. This was to discuss them choosing to focus on just one language in Year 9 from September 2023.

You can also indicate if your child wishes to continue studying two languages. Further information about how lessons for a second language will be structured will be sent once students have made their choices.

The language the student chooses to continue studying in Year 9 will be the language taken to GCSE level. This is therefore an important decision to make. To help students with their decision, languages teachers will discuss language options during lessons. If you want to discuss the choice further, please do email your child's languages teachers in the first instance and they will be happy to talk through the options further.

To indicate the language your child wishes to continue studying please complete the Microsoft Form available [here](#):

LINK TO CHOOSE GCSE LANGUAGE CHOICES

Please ensure the form is completed by Monday 22nd May.

Thank you for your time reading this letter and if you do have any questions please contact us at school.

Miss L Stirling

Associate Assistant Headteacher – Curriculum

Mrs A Budgett

2nd i/c MFL and KS3 MFL Lead.

FURZE PLATT YEAR 12 STUDENTS VISIT UGANDAN EMBASSY

On Tuesday evening Ruby Sanderson, Maddie Titley, Liv Leedham, and Ben Roberts were invited to the Ugandan Embassy in London for a talk by Dr Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka.



Dr Kalema-Zikusoka is one of Uganda's first female Gorilla conservationists and she discussed the importance of the environment along with the adventures she has had throughout her life.

Mr Beavis (English and Media Teacher) and our Year 12 students were asked to host the event, and our students were invited to talk to various people in the media for possible future connections.

Thank you to everyone involved for such a memorable event.

HOUSE TURING MATHS CHALLENGE



YEAR 7 TURING CHALLENGE

House	Position	Points earned
Hawk	1	1000
Eagle	4	200
Falcon	3	400
Osprey	2	600

Our Year 7 winner was Josh King (Hawk) with a score of 100% achieved in 1 minutes and 59 seconds. He will win a £10 Amazon voucher – well done!

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- 2nd place: Kaylie Lau 100% in 4 minutes 10 seconds
 3rd place: Albie Cozens 100% in 5 minutes 33 seconds
 4th place: Chris He 100% in 5 minutes 50 seconds

YEAR 8

House	Position	Points earned
Hawk	1	1000
Eagle	2	600
Falcon	4	200
Osprey	3	400

Our Year 8 winner was Mavrick Yu (Hawk) with a score of 100% achieved in 4 minutes and 33 seconds. He will win a £10 Amazon voucher – well done!

- 2nd place: Alp Kose 100% in 4 minutes 40 seconds
 3rd place: Oliver Fennell 99 % in 4 minutes 3 seconds
 4th place: Gerhard Ueckermann 99 % in 5 minutes 53 seconds

YEAR 9

House	Position	Points earned
Hawk	4	200
Eagle	1	1000
Falcon	2	600
Osprey	3	400

The winner was George Norton (Eagle) with a score of 100% achieved in 2 minutes and 42 seconds. He will win a £10 Amazon voucher – well done!

- 2nd place: Andrew Lee 99% in 3 minutes 38 seconds
 3rd place: Fabien Mormech 99 % in 3 minutes 41 seconds
 4th place: Pablo Cruz 97 % in 2 minutes 59 seconds

YEAR 10

House	Position	Points earned
Hawk	4	200
Eagle	2	600
Falcon	3	400
Osprey	1	1000

Our Year 10 winner was Mustafa Amin (Osprey) with a score of 100% achieved in 1 minute! He will win a £10 Amazon voucher – well done!

- 2nd place: Travis Hiles 100% in 5 minutes 31 seconds
 3rd place: Ed Foxton 100% in 6 minutes 4 seconds
 4th place: Ben Juden 99% in 4 minutes 55 seconds

'Pupils are friendly,
courteous and polite.'

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**Drama
Summer
Showcase**

**WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023
7PM IN THE THEATRE**

A range of work being
performed by Years 7-12

Book your free tickets here:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre/t-nodjppzl>

**FREE
ENTRY**





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

GARDENING CLUB

Students took advantage of the recent lovely weather to plant a rowan tree on site. Dr Graham is pictured with members of the club.



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RACE

FOR LIFE

WINDSOR, SATURDAY 3RD JUNE

A number of our Year 12 students are taking part in the upcoming 'Muddy Run' event to raise money for Cancer Research.

TO DONATE TO NIAMH MULVIHILL'S PAGE PLEASE
CLICK HERE

To donate to Lily Hatch and friends, who have raised just over £3,000 so far, you can do so here: or see the poster below.

TO DONATE PLEASE CLICK HERE

We wish everyone the very best of luck in their fundraising achievements.



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FURZE PLATT MUDDY RUN!

3RD JUNE 2023, 12:45

Windsor Racecourse, 5km run or walk

OVER 15 STUDENTS ALREADY PARTICIPATING

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS HELPING BEAT CANCER

SCAN
HERE TO
DONATE



email emulvihilln if you have questions

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/niamhs-race-for-life-6388>

For Year 12 students interested in Social Science, Sociology, Politics, Criminology and/or Law



Free, on-line session with Royal Holloway's Social Science Summer Taster Lecture! The lecture will be on Tuesday 13th June from 5.30-6.30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about a subject that covers a broad range of interest areas, as well as being an activity they can write about on personal statements. The lecture will include an overview of what it's like to study Social Science at university, as well as a taster lecture by Dr Rich Moth on his research related to Mental Health. Anyone can sign up easily, using this link:

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

For all Year 12 students

This is a great volunteering opportunity to work in the Thames Valley Hospice charity shops. You can apply here:

Thames hospice

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



Time as a Volunteer is Time Well Spent

Do you have a few hours each week to help us raise vital funds? If yes, come and volunteer with us in your local store:

**Windsor Maidenhead Dedworth
Maidenhead Home Store and eBay**

- Gain valuable work experience and help a worthy cause
- Students welcome (minimum age 16)
- Spot some fantastic bargains!

www.thameshospice.org.uk/volunteer 01753 842121

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www.thameshospice.org.uk



Year 12 students interested in Sustainability, People, History, Travel, the Economy or Technology

A career in town planning might be for you; there is a virtual event to give you more information about it on Thursday 25th May from 6-7pm, organised by Pathway CTM. At this event, they will also talk about some in-person work experience taking place this summer. Please register for the event here:

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Year 13 students still looking for a degree apprenticeship



Circana have 10 positions starting in Sept 2023. You will do a 3 year Chartered Manager Apprenticeship alongside a BA in Business Studies with University of West London.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Year 13 students interested in Costume, Technical, Creative, Marketing, Events and Props Design



Apprenticeships with the Royal Opera House – application deadline 29th May. For more information about the vacancies and to apply, please use this link:

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[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

SEND VOICES RBWM / ACHIEVING FOR CHILDREN

SEND Voices RBWM and Achieving for Children Education Team would like to invite you to their first engagement workshop.

This will be a termly meeting, jointly run, aimed at parents and carers of children and young people with special needs and disabilities (SEND).

As this is their first session, they would like you come along to share your thoughts on how these sessions can be shaped.

[TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)



Champneys Beauty College

Open Evening

Beauty Therapy Open Evening

Discover our Beauty Therapy Diploma and Part Time Courses as you plan the next steps in your education - incredible opportunities await school leavers interested in beauty.

Meet the team over drinks & canapés and find out all you need to know with our Q&A and live demonstrations.

Tuesday 13th June 2023

06:00PM - 08:00PM

Discover your future in the beauty industry ...



The Drawing Room, Champneys Resort, Tring



RSVP: College@champneys.com



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**Enrolment Offers
on the Night!**

Calling all Players



Cookham Dean Youth U15 are looking for new players to add to and strengthen their existing squad for the 2023/2024 season. Saturday Matchdays in East Berks League. FA Level 2 Coach

If your son is interested then please contact Nick on 07901 855011

