

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2023/24 Academic Year

I have been delighted to welcome students to FPSS this week. I would particularly like to welcome new parents and carers to the FPSS community.



As we begin a new year, we have emphasised to all students the importance of identifying and repeating past successes. The new start also offers the students the chance to change what has not worked so well and we have encouraged students to take up that challenge, as well as try some of the range of fantastic opportunities FPSS has to offer.

Alongside offering students the chance to refresh, a new academic year also allows us as a school the opportunity to implement new approaches and Miss Lake, our new Deputy Headteacher (working alongside fellow Deputies Mr Sheppard and Ms Lewis) has joined me in assemblies to share some of these changes with students. I would like to thank students for adjusting to these new ways of working which aim to improve their learning.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support for FPSS. The vast majority of your children have come back refreshed, looking immaculate in their uniforms, well equipped and ready to learn. While the heatwave has been an unwelcome distraction, I would like to commend students for coping well despite the temperatures.

Welcomes

At the start of September, we welcome a number of new colleagues, as well as teachers starting full-time at FPSS following their training placements. I am sure that you will join with me in welcoming Ms Tamesha Skyers, Mr Peter Brown, Mr Ethan Greenhalgh, Mr Alan Savage and Miss Abigail Kirby to English, Miss Norah Angyiembe and Mr Paul Hodgson to Maths, Mrs Karen Barnes and Mrs Sally



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next week (Week 2)

ALL EVENTS

TUE 12 SEPTEMBER	Year 10 - Preparing to Succeed Evening (Theatre)	6.15pm - 7.15pm
	Year 11 - Preparing to Succeed Evening (Theatre)	7.30pm - 8.30pm
WED 13 SEPTEMBER	Year 12 - Preparing to Succeed Evening (Theatre)	6.15pm - 7.15pm
	Year 13 - Preparing to Succeed Evening (Theatre)	7.30pm - 8.30pm
THU 14 SEPTEMBER	Years 7, 10 & 12 School Photos	
	Year 7 - Preparing to Succeed Evening (Theatre)	6.15pm - 7.15pm

Forthcoming Events

MON 25 SEPTEMBER	Languages Week
	Year 7 Teambuilding - Day 1
TUE 26 SEPTEMBER	Year 7 Teambuilding - Day 2
FRI 29 SEPTEMBER	Year 7 Teambuilding - Day 3

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Jacobs to Technology and Miss Giulia Dissegna to Science. Mr Lewis Cantle and Ms Erin Dempsey join History, Miss Shally Wong joins Music, Mr Rodrigo Alonso joins Spanish, Mr Das Bodhidharma joins Computing, Miss Safia Iqbal joins Psychology and Ms Chatelle Putter joins Business.

Finally, we welcome Miss Rebecca Lake as our new Deputy Headteacher, Ben Smith and Kamaljit Lochab as Learning Support Assistants and Geisa Sovegni as a Science Technician.

Celebration Evening

Our first big event of the year happened on Thursday with students from across the year groups rewarded at our Celebration Evening. Students from across all Key Stages

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joined with governors, staff, parents and carers to celebrate students' successes, including in Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 examinations this summer.

Thank you to all members of our community who attended. It was a pleasure to see you all there and recognise how much our students have achieved.

In particular I would like to thank our guest of honour, Naomi Riches MBE. Naomi, an adaptive rower and gold medalist at the 2012 Paralympics shared her story and offered all of us, not least our young people, the chance to reflect on how we can challenge ourselves to achieve excellence.

Athletics Success

Finally, many congratulations to Demari Gumbs (Year 13) who was selected to represent England U18 at the Home Countries International in Wales. Representing your country is a terrific achievement made all the sweeter by the fact that Demari came 1st in the 400m in a personal best time of 47.96 seconds.

Take care,

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



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PREPARING TO SUCCEED EVENINGS

Our Preparing to Succeed Evenings are taking place for Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 next week. Each event will run for an hour and will be held in the School Theatre:

Year 10 - Tuesday 12th September at 6.15pm

Year 11 - Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm

Year 12 - Wednesday 13th September at 6.15pm

Year 13 - Wednesday 13th September at 7.30pm

Year 7 - Thursday 14th September at 6.15pm

Please arrive a few minutes beforehand for a prompt start. Parents and students are welcome to attend but as this is an information evening for parents, Year 7 students need not attend (however, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students will find it beneficial to hear the information along with their parents and carers).

Timetables, behaviour points and home learning can be accessed via the ClassCharts app; details on how to sign up have been recently sent out to Year 7 parents and carers. In addition, the Year 7 Parents Guide can be found [here](#) with lots of useful information.

We hope to see you at the upcoming Preparing to Succeed evenings.

Miss L Sharp (Head of Progress, Year 7)

Mr C Djaelani (Head of Progress, Year 10)

Mrs C Ridgley (Head of Progress, Year 11)

Mrs K Kalinowski (Head of Progress, Year 12)

Mr A Colmer (Head of Progress, Year 13)

TRIPS AND VISITS

A reminder of upcoming trips - please respond to the letters if you have not already done so.



- Year 7 Teambuilding Days

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Friday 29th September

Further details will be sent out next week.

- Year 13 Biology trip to Woolley Firs

Tuesday 10th October

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 6-9pm

Early finish for all students – 12.30pm

Our annual Open Evening is being held on Thursday 5th October for prospective students and their parents. All current Furze Platt students will finish at 12.30pm that day; helpers will be invited back before the event starts. More details will be sent out in due course.

INSET DAY

FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER

School will be closed for all year groups.

Please note further INSET days for this academic year are on Wednesday 3rd January 2024, Friday 14th June and Tuesday 9th July.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

This event will take place from 6-9pm and will be followed by a 9.15am start for all students on Friday 24th November. Further details will be sent out in due course.

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

This event will take place from 6-8pm. Further details will be sent out in due course.

REPORTING ABSENCE

Please report any Absence for your child via ClassCharts.

If accessing on a phone, please scroll along the line at the top with an orange dot at the end (marked 'behaviour', 'on report cards' and 'homework') near the top of the screen and you will see additional options further along including 'report absence'.

Year 7 parents will have recently received an email with login details.

If you require your login details to be re-sent, please email jacky.phillips@furzeplatt.net

Thank you.

SCHOOL LOCKERS

As usual, our Year 7 students will have priority booking for school lockers until Wednesday 13th September when it will open up to the rest of the school. The £10 annual fee can be paid via Parentmail via the Payments tab.

Students will be allocated a specific locker number and area from Monday 11th September which their form tutor will give them; students with any questions should visit the student services reception in the Learning Resource Centre (Library).

Please ensure your child has a suitable padlock (6+mm shackle) and puts this on as soon as they are allocated a locker. Please note: any padlocks put on an unallocated locker will be removed. Locks and belongings must be removed at the end of the Summer Term.

Student Services Team



MESSAGE FROM OUR MATHS DEPARTMENT

YEARS 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 should bring a scientific calculator to every maths lesson. The department recommend the Casio fx-83GTx which are widely available to purchase on the high street or online, usually costing around £12 or less.

YEAR 12

Maths and Further Maths students can purchase a calculator from school via their Parentmail account.

INNOVATE MENUS

Please see below for the lunch options which are on a three week rotational basis.

	Classic Favourites MONDAY	SOUTHERN STYLE TUESDAY	Great British Roast WEDNESDAY	KURRY THURSDAY	Fish & Chips FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	CHICKEN STROGANOFF Rice	BEEF LASAGNE Homemade Garlic Bread	HONEY MUSTARD GLAZED GAMMON Potatoes, Gravy	CHICKEN DOPPIZA Rice	CHOP SHOP FRIDAY FISH/PIZZA/SAUSAGE OR SALMON FISHCAKES Chips
VEGETARIAN MEAL	MUSHROOM STROGANOFF Rice	VEGETABLE & BEAN LASAGNE Homemade Garlic Bread	MACARONI CHEESE	PANEER & CHICKPEA CURRY Rice	CHIPOTLE QUORN TORTILLA Chips
VEGETABLE	STEAMED BROCCOLI	GARDEN SALAD	SEASONAL VEGETABLES MIXED SALAD	CORIANDER & ONION SALAD	TOMATO SALSA PEAS
PASTA POTS	TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL	CHEF SPECIAL	TOMATO & BASIL
JACKET POTATO	TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
DESSERT	BERRY & APPLE CRUMBLE Custard	CORNFLAKE CRISPY CAKE	PEAR & COCOA SPONGE Custard	APPLE & CHOCOLATE PINWHEEL	CHEF SPECIAL
FRUIT	SELECTION OF FRUIT DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS	SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS DAILY				



TERM 1 CLUBS (SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023)

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations today (Friday 8th September) to attend clubs for their son/daughter. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk and the links will be 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.

Students have also been sent a copy of the clubs available but parents and carers will need to book the clubs your son or daughter would like to attend. We do encourage them to try as many as they are interested in – with over 60 clubs and academic clinics we are sure they will find a number of activities they really enjoy!

MY EVOLVE

In addition, 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:

* Year 7 Academic Support Clinics are not available this term but there is a Homework Club they can attend (via Clubs)

* all bookings for Term 1 (September/October half term) must be made through the original email invitations sent out today

* once in the list of clubs or academic support clinics, click on the name of the activity or session you wish to book, choose the dates and scroll down to press confirm

* please do not duplicate club bookings per session

* bookings for Fitness Club - these have been limited for

safety and will be rotated but please be aware that your son/daughter may not have a place each week. You will be notified when they are to attend.

* 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

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

SCHOOL CLUB LIST



YEAR 7 FITNESS CLUB

The PE department are delighted to be able to offer Year 7 Fitness Club after school every Wednesday this term. If your child is interested in joining this club, it is important that they are safely inducted on our fitness suite equipment before attending therefore, we will be running a mandatory induction session for all students who wish to attend Fitness Club on **Wednesday 13th September at 3:30pm**.

If your child is planning on attending, please book via the EVOLVE/Edufocus email sent today to all parents and carers to register your child's interest so we can monitor expected numbers and prepare induction paperwork.

Kind regards

Miss D Boseley, Head of PE

Supervised Study

(Homework Club)

Starts on 11th September 2023

Do you need a place to

- Do homework
- Do schoolwork
- Revise?

After School

(3.15 – 4.30pm)

Monday - Friday

E6



Sign up on EvolveClubs or talk to Miss Gorton in RA

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

Here at Furze Platt we are delighted to be able to offer the Bronze Award (Year 9), Silver Award (Year 10) and Gold Award (Year 12). Miss Carty can assist students with the Volunteering, Physical, Skills and for Gold, the Residential section; our Outdoor Leader Mr Randall manages the expeditions.

The following opportunity can count towards volunteering for DofE. If students start before enrolment, their time will be backdated.



LEISURE FOCUS

VOLUNTEERING WITH BRAYWICK DISABILITY SWIMMING AT BRAYWICK LEISURE CENTRE

Braywick Disability Swimming is on Saturday afternoons. It starts at 3.30pm and finishes at 5pm. There are two 45 minute sessions where we are assisting disabled swimmers to improve in the water. We have babies, young children, teenagers and adults up to any age.

You need to be 14 years or older to volunteer and it can be done on an ad hoc basis.

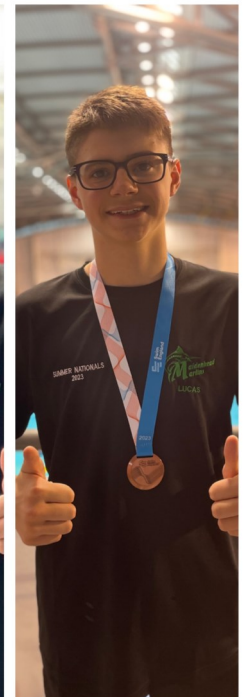
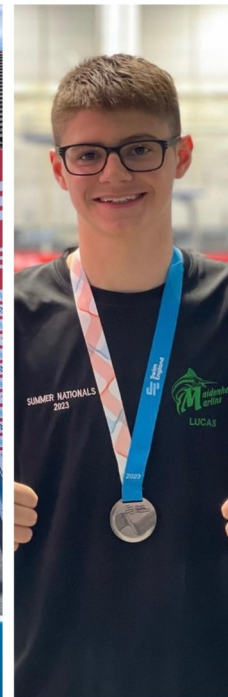
For more details please contact Sharon Bridge 07808 887163

Or email assistedswimming@leisurefocus.org.uk

SWIMMING STAR

Congratulations to Lucas Bryant in Year 9 who over the summer holidays competed in Swim England 3K Open Water National Age Group Championship and came in 2nd with a time of 33:54

He also competed at the Swim England English Summer Nationals swimming in the 800 Freestyle coming 2nd with a time of 8:50.03 taking 30 seconds off his PB and in the 400 Freestyle coming 3rd with a time of 4:17.34 taking 9.5 seconds off his PB.



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

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'Pupils are friendly, courteous and polite. They say that they are happy and that they feel safe.'

- Ofsted 2021

Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- An inclusive school offering a broad, stimulating and rewarding education for all.
- Superb academic, sporting and arts facilities which create a stimulating learning environment for students.
- Our Tutor Groups give students identity and belonging and includes dedicated staff, mentors and leaders who will support and help with students' development.
- Our Houses encourage friendly competition and a sense of community.



Students are able to **ACHIEVE** excellence and successfully progress to the next stage of their lives as well-educated young adults we are proud to know.



'The curriculum is aspiring, broad and personalised. It is designed well to meet the needs of all pupils.'

- Ofsted 2021

How to find us:

Furze Platt Senior School,
Furze Platt Road,
Maidenhead,
Berkshire SL6 7NQ

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



Yoga for Girls aged 11 - 16

- 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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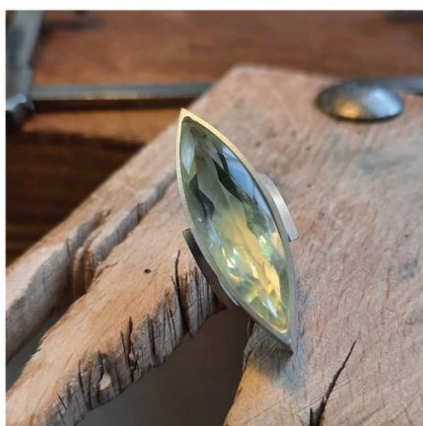
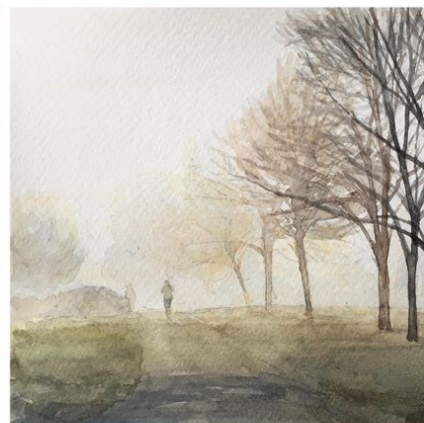
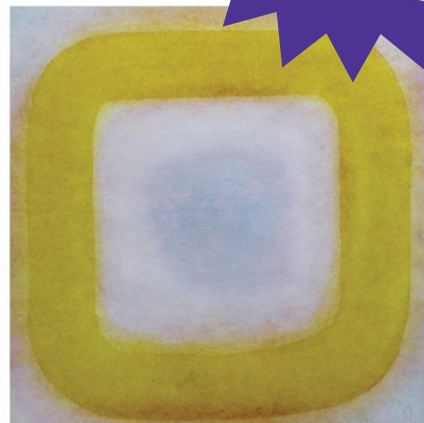


COOKHAM & MAIDENHEAD ARTS TRAIL

Sat 9th and Sun 10th
September 2023

10am-5pm
FREE ENTRY

**THIS
WEEKEND**



More information available at www.camat.org.uk

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instagram: cookhamandmaidenheadartstrail

