

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

PPE Results and Progress Reports

Last week I wrote in the newsletter about upcoming progress reports and PPE results. I have had many conversations with students about their results and progress this week. Some are delighted, some know they have work to do. I would encourage parents and carers to also have these conversations at home so we can all help our young people to identify current strengths and support them to work on areas for development.



Year 13 Parent and Carer Evening

Thank you for your attendance on Thursday. It was good to see so many of you in person and I hope the evening helped focus the mind on the work required in the months before examinations begin in earnest next May.

Theatre Visit to Witches

Thank you to all Year 9, 10, 12 and 13 students who supported our theatre visit to The National Theatre this week. While it was a late night, I understand the show was amazing!



Inter-House Football & Quiz Events

Many congratulations to all those who took part in the House Quiz this week. There were some tough questions, and I was delighted to see the level of general knowledge



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

Term 2 Events

WED 13 DECEMBER	Christmas Concert	7pm - 8.45pm
FRI 15 DECEMBER	End of Term 2 - Early finish	12.30pm finish
MON 17 - TUE 2 DECEMBER - JANUARY	Christmas Holidays	
WED 3 JANUARY	INSET Day - School closed for all year groups	
THU 4 JANUARY	Start of Term 3	8.40am start

SCHOOL TERM DATES

on show. Well done to Year 10 students on their football competition and good luck to other year groups next week.

Christmas Concert 13 December

Lastly, it will be fantastic to see you at our concert next Wednesday. As ever, I am looking forward to seeing our students perform with some festive jollity scattered amongst a range of musical pieces, the link to tickets is below. Our Christmas Foodshare campaign will be taking donations on Wednesday; we appreciate any support you can give.

Take care,

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



**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL

**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2023 | 7 PM START | THEATRE

BOOK FREE TICKETS

YEAR 9 AND 11 REPORTS

YEAR
9

YEAR
11



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.

[VIEW REPORTS](#)

CHRISTMAS FREE SCHOOL MEALS VOUCHERS



During the last week of term the school will be sending out the Christmas Holiday FSM e-vouchers.



Before we do this could you please ensure that the email address you have registered with the school is correct and that you have access to it. If you think your email address needs updating with the school please email studentdetails@furzeplatt.net with the updated contact details.



YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLES AND HOW TO REVISE SESSIONS

YEAR
11

The Raising Achievement Department has been into every tutor and PSHE lesson over the past few weeks to deliver sessions on 'Setting up a Revision Timetable' and another on 'How to Revise'. This has given every Year 11 student the opportunity to set themselves up with a adaptable plan on when revision sessions will take place as well as walk and talk them through a revision session from highlighting key words to producing a mind-map or cue card, through to checking their learning with questions. If you would like to find out more, the PowerPoint presentations used are below.

[CREATING REVISION TIMETABLES](#)

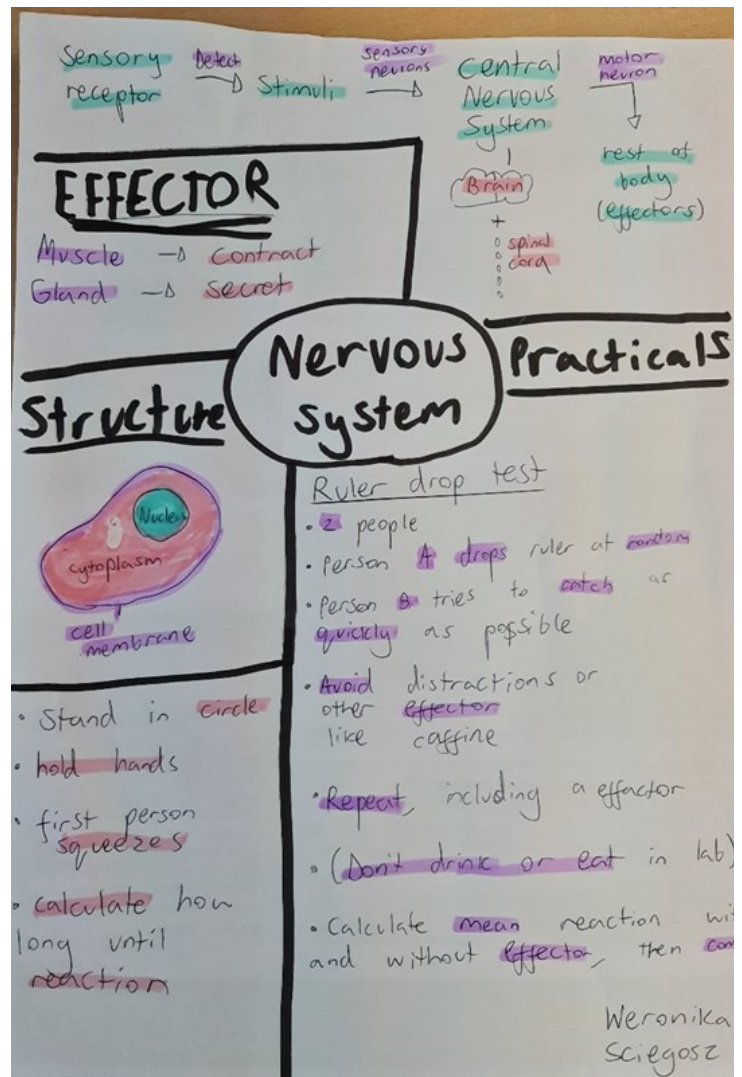
[HOW TO REVISE](#)

In addition, the links below show videos which can be used for students who may have missed the session or for any parent/carer who wants to know more.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

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Well done to Weronika Sciegosz, Year 11, for her winning mind map (pictured below).



IT'S NOT JUST OUR STUDENTS REVISING...

Our Raising Achievement department have been having fun this week with their Elf revising for his Maths paper! You can see how tiny he is; well done to all those students who found him.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday 13th December 7pm



We are delighted to announce tickets are now available for our Christmas Concert next Wednesday.

Furze Platt's Christmas Concert is the time of year when our students demonstrate their ability to achieve excellence in a festive showcase of their music making from the first term of the year.

The concert will have a range of different music from Queen through to a bit of Bryan Adams and of course some Christmas classics.

Tickets are free but must be booked via this link or QR code:

BOOK FREE TICKETS



We look forward to seeing you there!



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Wednesday 13th December



Our Sixth Form Raise and Give Society are organising a Christmas Food Drive in aid of Food Share Maidenhead on Wednesday 13th December.



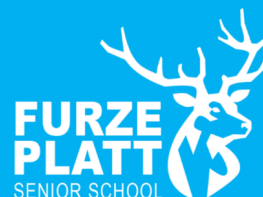
FOODSHARE
MAIDENHEAD

If students would like to donate, they are invited to bring items from the list below on Wednesday.

Thank you for your support.



RAISE AND
GIVE



YEAR 9 IMMUNISATIONS



The Berkshire Immunisation Service will be visiting our school to offer both the Meningitis ACWY and Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (Td/IPV) vaccinations to young people aged 13 – 14 years old (School Year 9).

This is the fifth and final vaccination (2nd booster) following on from the Pre-school Booster for Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio, and booster for MenACWY which completes this course.

We will be visiting your child's school **Furze Platt Senior School on 15 March 2024.**

Please see the letter in ParentMail and complete the electronic consent form.



GCSE ROCK CLIMBING



Our students are pictured getting ready - having learned bouldering skills - to have their climbs at Shiplake College filmed for GCSE moderation. They were also taught about the safety features of a climbing wall, belaying and abseiling.



ELEVATE EDUCATION'S PARENT WEBINAR SERIES



Elevate deliver high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing and exam preparation. Parents can learn how to better support their children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school.

Each webinar is run live online from 6pm – 7pm where the presenter will share Elevate's key research and skills, and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask questions directly.



Webinars can be watched at any time and are suitable for parents of students in all year groups, however some webinars such as 'Exam Preparation' may be more relevant to students in exam years.

REGISTER

PARENT WEBINARS FOR AUTUMN TERM 2023

Tuesday 12th December, 6:00pm How To Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

YEAR 11 CONSTRUCTION



Students in our Year 11 Construction classes enjoyed an informative visit to Reading College this week, thank you to everyone who supported this trip.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Wednesday 13th December

A delicious Christmas lunch will be available for students during both breaks on Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS FEAST MENU

HOUSE QUIZ CHALLENGE – THE RESULTS



All week students have been completing their House Quiz Challenges (pictured, Year 10 students working collaboratively).



Inter-House Quiz Extravaganza!

We are thrilled to share the fantastic news – the Inter-House Quiz Extravaganza was an absolute success, and the results are in! It was a nail-biting competition, and each participant showcased their knowledge, quick thinking, and teamwork. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to every student who participated with enthusiasm and determination.

And the Winners Are...

Without further ado, we are pleased to announce our winners from each year group that emerged victorious in this year's Inter-House Quiz. Congratulations to every member of the winning teams, and to all the other houses for their valiant efforts.

Please see below the placings and points earned for each House:

Year 7

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

Year 8

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



Year 7 winning team: Oliver Jones, Amy Shuttleworth, Zoe Davies, Thea Winrow-Davies



Year 8 winning team: Ethan Hunt, Seb Sutehall, Antoinette Lucas, Jack Bushell

Year 9

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

Year 9 winning team: Abigail Downes, Owen Lattimer, Nataniel Adamski, Harry Bull

Year 10

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



Year 10 winning team: Noah Thomas, Tabitha Gie, Billy McCabe (pictured)

Year 11

House	Place	Points earned
Hawk	1	1000
Eagle	3=	400
Falcon	2	600
Osprey	3=	400

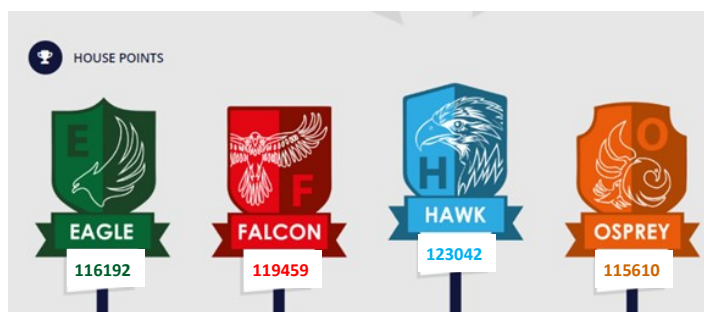
Sixth Form

House	Place	Points earned
Hawk	3=	400
Eagle	1	1000
Falcon	2	600
Osprey	3=	400

Year 11 winning team: Fred Fletcher, Ollie Myall, Pacey Thandi

Sixth Form winning team: Liam Fitzgibbon, Bailey Burdock, Isma'il Mehrban

Congratulations to all our students on their excellent results!



INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION



We are equally thrilled to share the exciting highlights of our recent Inter-House Football Competition for year 10, where our students showcased remarkable sportsmanship and talent on the field.

The atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm as students from different houses came together to compete in this spirited event. The matches were fiercely contested, with each team demonstrating exceptional skill, teamwork, and determination.

We are delighted to announce the results:

Girls

Year 10	House	Points
1 st	Eagles	1000
2 nd	Ospreys	600
3 rd	Hawks	400
4 th	Falcons	200

Winning Squad:

Zuzanna Piankowska
Sophia Fernandes
Bethan Hill
Belle Kilbane
Bianca Popa
Willow Stone
Ruby Kieley

Boys

Year	House	Points
1 st	Osprey	1000
2 nd	Eagles	600
3 rd	Hawks	400
4 th	Falcons	200

Winning Squad:

Azaan Tariq	Frankie Brett
Connor Hollins	Salah Zaher
Jaheil Nunes	Fahd Rashid
Lashvein Srisankar	Ned Ogden
Charlie Eaton	Jack Coomes- Clarke
Mohamed Alhashimi	Tyler Suddaby
Amaan Imran	Patrick Nechita
Fabien Mormech	Murphy Camp-Overy
Anwaar Salaam Williams	Morgan Humphries
Raphael Kitt-Martinez	Daniel Szczechowicz
Kasper Majchrzak	Adriano Cilia
Parv Saroha	Oscar Mistrilli
Lucas, Barry	Pedro Gimines
Tristan Gobvu	
Joe Parrott	



PTFA AGM

Tuesday 9th January

Information was sent out this week to all families for our PTFA Annual General Meeting. Full details are on these links. We encourage you to attend and all are welcome!

[INVITATION TO PTFA AGM](#)

[AGM NOMINATION FORM](#)

Easyfundraising

This is a scheme where retailers donate commission when you purchase goods and/or services online. There's no subscription fees, no membership term and no spam!

So, don't delay, click through today:



CHARITY TURKEY CASHBACK





TERM 2 CLUBS 2023-24

Clubs for next term were sent out at the end of last term, Friday 20th October (clubs for January will be sent out on the last day of this term). Please do not delete this email as new clubs may be added throughout the term and you will need to book via the original link.

SCHOOL CLUB LIST



Fridays

15.15 - 16.15

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All Years

ECO CLUB PLANT A TREE IN '23!

Our Eco group were excited to join in with National Tree Week, the UK's largest annual tree celebration. Each year, the country's conservation sector, volunteer groups and tree-lovers come together to plant thousands of trees to mark the start of the tree planting season.



This year's National Tree Week is extra special as it marks the 50th anniversary of the famous 'Plant a Tree in '73' campaign – from which National Tree Week (and The Tree Council) was born!

Eco Club students planted a hazel in the Theatre courtyard after removing the dead magnolia which sadly didn't survive last year's drought and hard winter.

Thank you to our Eco students and Club Leaders Mrs Cook and Miss Holmes for their work this year. We look forward to more planting in 2024!

WILD MAIDENHEAD

Saturday 16th December 10am-12pm

Wild Maidenhead will be holding a 'Build Your Own NestBox' session on Saturday 16th December.



Booking not required - for more details please visit:
<https://www.meetup.com/wildmaidenhead/events/297814479/>

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THANK YOU

This week we welcomed students in Year 4 and 5 from Furze Platt Junior School to our Girls in Space STEM event. We had the opportunity to experience a Planetarium and view space from a different perspective.

Thank you to all our visitors, Transition Coordinators and Physics department.



CHRISTMAS FEAST



Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Pigs in Blankets
OR
Vegan Soya Bean & Cranberry Wellington

Both Served with Seasonal Vegetables,
Roast Potatoes & Gravy

&

Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce
OR
Stained Glass Window Shortbread



Inclusion Manager Reporting to Deputy Head (Behaviour & Attitudes) Start Date January 2024 or as soon as possible

Permanent, Full time, 37 hours a week, start time 8.30am, finish time 4.30pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Thursday, Friday is an early finish at 4pm. Term time only plus five INSET days

Actual salary £ 27,350- £29,350pa depending on experience

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 through various social events including a Christmas party, sports after school and various House competitions. Parking is free, as are tea, coffee, and edible treats to help you through the week! Our Senior Leadership team recognises the value of our support staff attending whole school training, job specific training and opportunities to learn about students they may be supporting, hence our commitment to their attendance on our September INSET day and one other INSET day during the academic year. A free lunch is also provided giving staff the chance to welcome new members of staff and share news and ideas.

We are looking for an individual to manage the day to day running of the school's internal isolation room to ensure that the needs of the students are being met and a collective approach has been identified to enable a positive way forward. They will co-ordinate and facilitate students who have been unsuccessful within their learning environment and need additional support to manage either their return to their lessons or the space to reflect for a period of time within the isolation room.

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: Monday 11th December 2023, 12 noon
Early applications are welcome, we reserve the right to close earlier should we appoint the right candidate

CURRENT VACANCIES

Cover Supervisor- To start as soon as possible

Usually, 32.5 hours a week, start time 8.30am, finish time 3.30pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only plus two INSET days
Part time/Job Share/Flexible Working considered for the right candidates,
Permanent or fixed term contract
Actual salary (32.5 hours) £19,600 - £21,000 pa depending on experience, pro rata would apply for any hours that differ from the above

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We are looking for Cover Supervisors to join our support staff team. You would be supervising classes during the short-term absence of the assigned teacher working in a classroom environment alongside students at Key Stage 3 and 4. Your main responsibility would be to instruct students about the work set by the teacher and assisting them to stay on task and complete the work set to the best of their ability. The provision of cover will be varied: you might introduce the work by talking through a Power Point, showing video clips, or reading through texts with students. You may be asked to lead a class discussion, organise group work or supervise PE and Drama activities. You would also learn about school policies and how they are implemented including the school's Behaviour for Learning Policy.

Previous experience of working with or interacting with children or young people is required for this role as well as good communication skills, an ability to work with minimum of supervision and to manage students in a classroom setting. Confidence using a laptop as well as good organisational skills are important for this role.

In addition, if you are a graduate with an interest in a career working with young people in education and you would like this opportunity to gain some experience working in a classroom environment before considering teacher training, we would be delighted to receive your application. For further information about teacher training please refer to www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk

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Closing date: 12th January 2023
Interviews will take place: as soon as is practicable

CURRENT VACANCIES



Elevate Education's Autumn Term Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help **support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.**

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>

How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress - 12th December 6:00pm

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



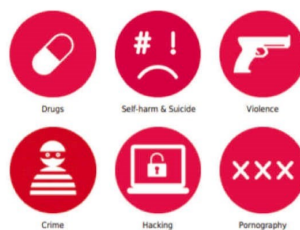
A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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www.skipssafetynet.org

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Venue Options:

- Southampton Active Nation Programme
- Berkshire Horseshoe Lake Programme
- Fairthorne Manor Programme
- Woodmill Outdoor Centre Programme
- Mountbatten and Romsey School Programme



Are you in Year 11 or 12 and want to grow your strengths?

Experience 1: Grow Your Life Skills - (24th, 25th & 26th October 23')

You will participate in a variety of fun and engaging activities such as Paddleboarding, Climbing Wall, Life Skills, Laser Tag, Sailing, Skiing, Coasteering, etc*

*exact activities depend on location

Experience 2: Grow Your Employability (19th, 20th, 21st December 23')

A series of exciting workshops where you'll learn a load of new skills to get you ready for the world of work. From leadership activities and learning all about how to succeed in business.

Experience 3: Grow Your Community (13th, 14th, 15th February 24')

Come together with other young people to build a greater awareness of challenges faced by local communities and improve your understanding of how to make a difference that will have a real impact in your local community.



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