

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Open Evening

Next Thursday 5 October we look forward to welcoming parents, carers and students to our Open Evening. It is always a fantastic, if crowded, evening and a great chance to showcase what makes FPSS special with some fabulous activities and displays for our visitors.



The event runs between 6 and 9pm with Headteacher talks at 6.15 and 7.15. Please do share the date with friends and family in our community.

I would also like to thank in advance all those FPSS students who will be supporting on the evening. It is a great experience for our existing student to meet visitors, tour them around our school and share their experiences.

Longridge

Congratulations to our Year 7 students who have excelled on their Longridge visits this week. It has been great to see them bonding while experiencing new and, at times, challenging activities. Many thanks to all our parents and carers who supported these visits.

Maths Challenge

Finally, good luck to all those students doing the Maths Challenge next week.

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

Next week (Week 1)

MON 2 OCTOBER	Sixth Form Creative Apprenticeship Fair	
TUE 3 OCTOBER	Senior Maths Challenge for Years 12 & 13	8.40am - 3.15pm
WED 4 OCTOBER	Sixth Form Greece Trip - Student Training	2.15pm - 4pm
	Thailand Expedition 2025 - Information Evening	6pm - 7pm
THU 5 OCTOBER	Whole School Open Evening (Early finish to school day 12.30pm)	6pm - 9pm
FRI 6 OCTOBER	INSET DAY - School closed for all year groups	All day

Forthcoming Events

TUE 10 OCTOBER	Year 13 Biology trip to Woolly Firs	
THU 12 OCTOBER	Year 7 Form Tutor / Parents' Consultation Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
	PTFA Meeting & 200 Club Draw (All Welcome)	7.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

REGISTERING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals there is a simple online checking form, which can be found on the link below. We would kindly encourage applicants to register before 2nd October 2023 so that they can be included in the October census as this impacts the school's funding for 24-25.

FSM CHECKING FORM

Important note: if your child already receives FSM, there is no need to re-apply.

THIS THURSDAY!



Open Evening

Thursday 5th October 2023

6pm - 9pm

Headteachers Talks at 6.15pm and 7.15pm

Last tour at 8pm

All welcome, no booking required.

FURZE
PLATT

SENIOR SCHOOL



Open Mornings

Tours available 9.10am

every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
from 11th September - 18th October 2023

All welcome

Please call 01628 625308

to book a tour



office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com



NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL

Please be aware the local borough have put up new parking restrictions in the lay-by at the front of the school. These are shown in the photo below.



CHILD EMPLOYMENT

Getting a part-time job is often an important part of a young person's life, teaching them vital life skills, and providing their first step on the road to financial security and independence.

There are regulations in place to make sure children seeking work are safe and protected. The regulations ensure that the child is not working outside the legal hours, they are not doing any types of work that are prohibited, and that the school is fully aware of what they are doing. This way, we can all work together to ensure that our children are safe, that they are working legally, and that their school work does not suffer. This link below explains the laws surrounding Child Employment:

CHILD EMPLOYMENT LAWS

The most important thing to remember, is that it is a legal requirement that any child from the age of 13 up to statutory school leaving age needs a work permit if they would like to get a part time job, regardless of where they are working. It is down to the employer to initiate the permit process, but unfortunately some

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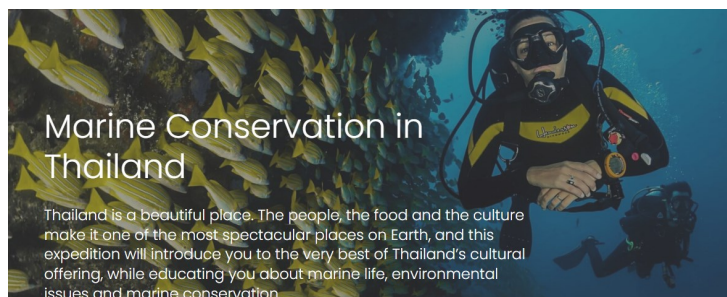
THAILAND 2025

PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 4th October at 6pm in the school theatre

For students in current Year 11 and 12.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



Marine Conservation in Thailand

Thailand is a beautiful place. The people, the food and the culture make it one of the most spectacular places on Earth, and this expedition will introduce you to the very best of Thailand's cultural offering, while educating you about marine life, environmental issues and marine conservation.

employers may need a reminder. It is therefore important that parents/carers are aware, so they can prompt the workplace to apply, get the ball rolling, or contact me for advice, if necessary.

I am happy to chat to parents/carers or students over any aspects of this process.

For any information, advice, and the issue of work permits please contact:

SUSAN.HARRIS@ACHIEVINGFORCHILDREN.ORG.UK

Susan Harris, Child Employment Officer

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS



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

Mr S Forster, Head of Music



RUGBY U12

The under 12 boys got off to a best start this year in their first two matches. In a well fought match with Bohunt they lost despite scoring first, eventually succumbing by 4 tries to 2. They fought hard throughout and stuck to their game plan trying to play clean effective rugby and were in the match until the dying seconds.

In their second match they faced a game Embrook side who made them work for every inch of grass but eventually won 2 tries to 0.

Captain Tómas Donaldson led the team out for both matches and was a true leader who marshalled the team throughout by example and through his encouraging words.

Mr C Djaelani, P.E. Teacher and Head of Progress (Yr 9)



AUTISM IN GIRLS TALK

New date: 7pm Tuesday 21st November – in our Theatre.

For those who have requested their tickets to be transferred, this will be done in the next few days.

We are joined by Cathy Wassell, who runs the charity, Autism in Girls Network, to talk about how girls are often diagnosed much later than boys due to misconceptions about how it presents itself.

Cathy is the mother of a child with autism, who was only diagnosed aged 13 after a mental health crisis.

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She can talk both personally and professionally and personally about the challenges of getting a diagnosis and gives practical tips and techniques for those who care for children and teenagers.

Ticket prices are £5 to cover the cost of hosting Cathy at our theatre. Book here:

BOOK TICKETS

For any other enquiries contact theatre@furzeplatt.net

Mrs M Holden, Theatre Manager



TERM 1 CLUBS (SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023)

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations on 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.

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

SCHOOL CLUB LIST



Tuesdays

15.20 - 16.20

\$12

All Years

GARDENING CLUB

This week gardening club have been putting down new woodchip on the nature garden paths thanks to the generous support of Lindum Tree Services who both donated and delivered the woodchip at no cost to the school. We are very grateful!



Mrs R Cook, LSA

Dr M Graham, Science Teacher



RBWM YOUTH COUNCIL - INVITES YOU TO JOIN US!



Hello,

I'm a representative on the RBWM Youth Council.

We're a group of young people who aim to represent and communicate the views of young people in the local area to relevant bodies and groups

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including the elected council and Achieving for Children, to act as advisors to the council and other agencies on issues relating to young people & raising any concerns with them, and to organise events focused around young people across the borough.

Within the group myself, I work on the environment and communications committees - One part of my role is to spread the message of and promote the work we do.

I am the only current representative from Furze Platt. We'd love to encourage more members to join the group, as a few of our members have recently left due to ageing up - It would be great to get some more representatives from Furze Platt, and I hope you'd be interested to help with this. We're particularly looking for young people aged 14 to 19 who are interested in local politics and helping to represent youth throughout Windsor and Maidenhead, including GCSE students from departments like English and Religious Studies who have an interest in debating.

Here's some useful resources explaining a bit more about what we do and how to get involved.

RBWM - YOUTH COUNCIL WEBSITE

YOUTH COUNCIL - MORE INFORMATION

Thanks so much for your time.

Fred Fletcher, Year 11



LOCAL COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Any Year 11 students who are considering applying for a course at one of our local colleges should go to the colleges open evenings/days as soon as possible. These events are starting soon and will continue for the next few months.

LOCAL COLLEGE OPEN DAYS 2023 - 2024

See the link above for dates of the first round of open days. Students need to register for the events, on the colleges' websites. Some of the open days are filling up fast.

If you would like any further information about this, please contact Mrs Bubb, Careers Leader, at judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net

INFORMATION EVENING

LOCATION

Deanfield and Rotherfield sites

SAVE THE DATE

3rd October 2023 @ 5:30-8:00pm



REGISTER HERE



WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

President: Rt Hon Lady Theresa May



Saturday 14 October 2023 7:30

All Saints Church, Boyn Hill, Maidenhead SL6 4HE

chamber concert

including works by
Gounod, Britten and Gabrieli

Conductors Leon Gee, Robert Roscoe

Tickets £20; student/child £5 from www.wmsso.org.uk



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FOUR WEEKS IN SCHOOL ALREADY!



Your dedicated PTFA Committee consists of Neil, Gill, Carina and Lorraine who are getting to grips with the new school year, too. We will keep you up-to-date with our fundraising news and dates through these newsletters, the Facebook year groups and our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa>

Please get in touch with any fundraising ideas, feedback and thoughts by emailing us: PTFA@furzeplatt.net
For any uniform requests: PTFAuniform@furzeplatt.net

WHAT'S COMING UP.....



PTFA Meeting + 200 Club Draw - Thursday 12th October, 7.30pm, in school, all welcome

Quiz and Hot Buffet Dinner – Friday 10th November, 7.30pm – 10pm. A social, informal, fun night, plus superb chefs cooking fresh French dishes in Giant Pans and a bar – ticket app coming soon!

HELPERS REQUIRED FOR THE BAR/REFRESHMENTS – PLEASE EMAIL US TODAY!

Would anyone like a £200 Cash Prize? If so, please join our 200 Club!

Since this is our primary fundraiser. Here's an overview:

The Club runs 4 draws per year and you could win £200 cash per number. Your winnings are made by bank transfer very soon after each draw so there's no hanging around. You're in control of the payments by direct debit, there's no contract (like your energy or phone!) and there's no spam emails either (we haven't got time to send them!). So it's a win win situation and we hope you'll click through here to join:

JOIN THE 200 CLUB - £5 PER MONTH



You've got to be in it to win it!

Data and Admissions Manager

Start Date: As soon as possible

Permanent, Full time, 37 hours a week, start time between 8 and 9am, finish time between 3.30 to 4.30pm (depending on start time/includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Thursday with a half hour earlier finish on Fridays, term time only plus 7 days (which includes two INSET days)

Actual salary £33,750 - £37,240 pa depending on experience (pay award pending)

Do you have experience of and enjoy working in an environment where management information systems and Excel are used to provide high quality data management, and analysis? We are looking for someone to track the achievement and progress of all our students in school. You would also manage the schools Admissions Policy liaising with parents and carers to secure our Pupil Admission Numbers both via the In-Year transfers (Year 7 to 11) process and managing the new Year 7 admissions process.

Furze Platt is a highly successful mixed comprehensive school serving the children of Maidenhead. At Furze Platt, 1500 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.

If you have strong organisational and time management skills, can work under pressure to meet important deadlines, and have an excellent understanding of MIS and Excel we would love to hear from you.

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 16th October 2023
Interviews will take place: as soon as is practicable

