

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wales Visit

Welcome back to all our Year 8 students who look like they have had an amazing time in Wales engaging in a wide variety of adventurous activities.



I hope that you had an amazing experience and created memories that will live long in the memories.

You can find photos from the trip on page 3 of this newsletter.

South Bank Music Visit

Congratulations to all our Music students who participated so wonderfully on their visit to the South Bank on Wednesday. I hear there was some Chaka Khan and other classics being performed very loudly!

Thank you to all staff and students who supported these activities.

Examinations

We are heading into the final week of the external exam season. Students have been fantastically focused so please help them maintain this over the last few examinations!

INSET Day

Finally, a reminder that tomorrow is an INSET day and school will be closed for all students (except those with an exam scheduled).

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week 1)

ALL EVENTS

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| WED 19 JUNE | Year 11 Graduation | 4pm - 6pm |
| THU 20 JUNE | Year 11 Prom | 7pm - 10.30pm |

Forthcoming Events

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| MON 24 JUNE | Year 5 Open Morning | 9.10am - 11.15am |
| TUE 25 JUNE | Year 5 Open Morning | 9.10am - 11.15am |
| WED 26 JUNE | Year 13 Prom | |
| THU 27 JUNE | Field Events Sports Day | |
| | Year 12 Taster Day 1 | |
| FRI 28 JUNE | Year 12 Taster Day 2 | |
| SAT 6 JULY | PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale | |

SCHOOL TERM DATES

LOST PROPERTY

If students have mislaid kit or uniform please encourage them to look for items in Lost Property. We currently have lots of un-named PE kits, coats, school trousers & shirts.

Please can you ensure all items for school – uniform, PE kit, bags, coats etc – are named so they can be easily returned. Thank you.





ART AND TECHNOLOGY

GCSE AND A LEVEL END OF YEAR EXHIBITION

THURSDAY 11TH JULY 6-7.30PM

You are warmly invited to attend our End of Year Art and Technology Exhibition which showcases work from our very talented GCSE and A-Level students. We look forward to seeing you there.



LATIN QUALIFICATION

This year's Latin class have worked hard all year in their own time to learn the language from scratch and are on the cusp of sitting their final exam for their Level 1 Certificate qualification. For the three students in Year 9, and one in Year 8, this has been their first experience of formal exams at Furze Platt, and they have risen to the challenge. Pictured are three of the class, with their personalised t-shirt, and various artefacts, linked to their favourite character from the Cambridge Latin Course – the one and only Grumio!



Pictured: Alex Fennell, Aleks Koziak, and Oli Fennell, all Year 9.

Mr J Clarke, Head of English

YEAR 7 DISTRICT ATHLETICS

We now have the results from the recent Year 7 trials at the District Athletics.

The following students will be going on to represent RBWM at Palmer Park, Reading on Thursday 27th June with a chance to qualify for English Schools.

Alice Greenland – 150m

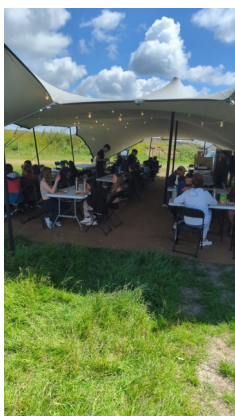
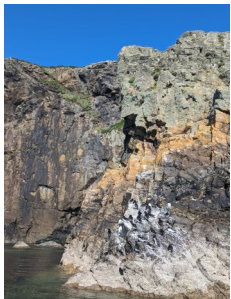
Katie Ellis – 150m & High Jump

Amy Shuttleworth – Long Jump

Raffa Parracino – 1000m

We wish them the best of luck.

Ms D Boseley, Head of PE



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YEAR 8 TRIP TO WALES

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Our Year 8 students have had a wonderful time at St Davids Bunk Barns in Wales this week.

From boat trips to morning yoga; coastal explorations and activities to get students interested in the natural world around them, we have had an amazing and unforgettable time here.

Thank you to everyone at St Davids Bunk Barns, the staff at Flooglebinder for arranging the itinerary and all staff who helped on this trip.

Mr D Randall, Trip Leader



YEAR 9 MUSIC TRIP TO LONDON



Year 9 Music students had a great time in London this week at the Southbank Centre for their 'Come and Sing Day', which aims to inspire a love of singing.



GCSE MUSIC TRIP

By Amy-Jayne Macey, Year 9

On Wednesday, some Year 9 students intending to study GCSE music next year attended a singing workshop in the South Bank Centre, London.

This meant there was an opportunity to enjoy the sights nearby such as the London Eye and Big Ben, before joining students from other schools for the rest of the day.



We learned and celebrated different music pieces from the 1960s-1990s and were presented with the opportunity to meet new people, create bonds through music and sing harmonies with them. The pieces learned included Black Bird by The Beatles, Feeling Good by Nina Simone and Everything is Everything by Lauryn Hill. My favourite was Black Bird

due to the emotion it was sung with and how symbolic it was. Each song portrayed messages of peace, happiness and freedom. Two of our students, Jude Sanders and Olly Makin, were chosen to perform solos demonstrating excellence within the workshop. Everybody worked collaboratively, increasing confidence and enthusiasm in singing, whilst exploring diverse music culture.

The trip was enjoyed by all and for me the best part of the day was getting to spend the day with those who share my love of music.

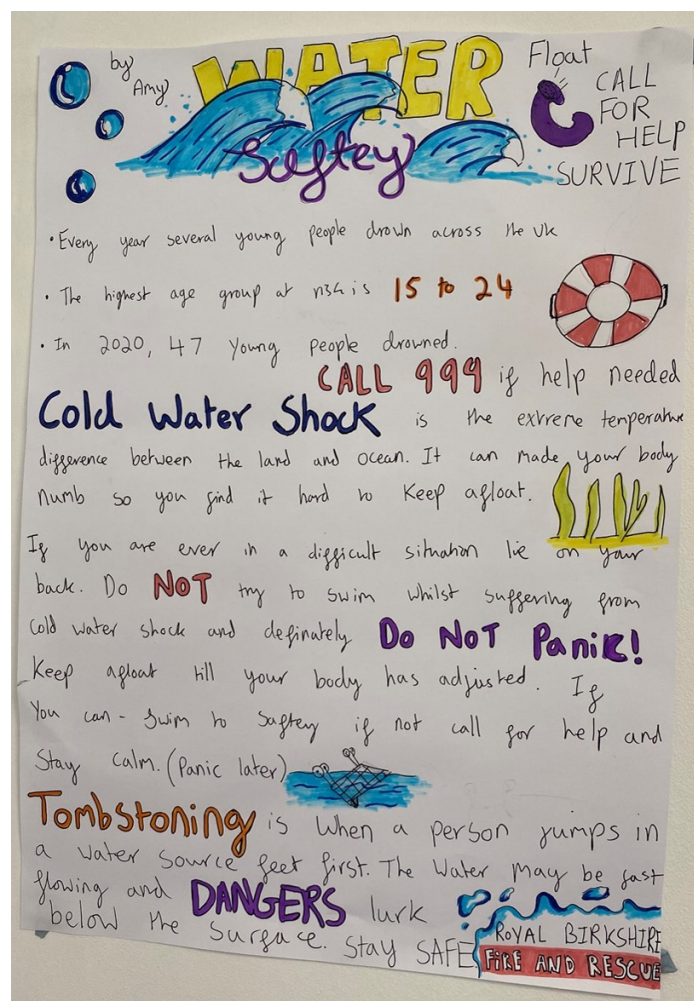


YEAR 9 PSHE



WATER SAFETY

Great work again from Amy-Jayne Macey (Year 9) for her striking poster on Water Safety, designed in her PSHE lesson.



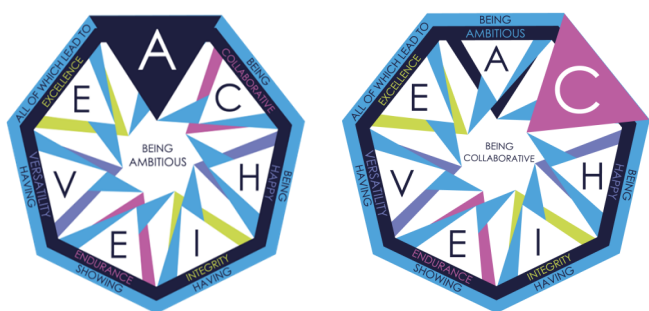
YEAR 11 GRADUATION

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

Arrival times: 3.30pm for students (in full smart uniform), 4pm for parents/carers and families (for a 4.30pm prompt start)

We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday 19th June for our Year 11 Graduation. Please remember to bring a bottle of water with you, particularly if it ends up being as hot as it was last year! Students must be in full smart uniform including school shoes to take part in this event.

Thank you for your support.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED OUR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES



House T-shirts

Staff and students have been purchasing their House t-shirts to wear on Sports Day.

Well done to Eagle House who were the House t-shirt winners!



Silent Auction and Raffle

Many congratulations to all our winners who have been emailed this week. Thank you all so much for your very generous bids.

A special thank you to all those who donated including:

The Old Butcher's Wine Cellar * French Brothers * The Lord Grenfell * The Marlow Club * La Indika * Hair By US * M&S * Avon * Wildwood Home * Daisy X * Berkeley Cars * The Paint Club * Coach With Mia * Tom Kerridge * Pila Yoga * Leaf and Clay Ceramics



TERM 6 CLUBS 2024

Clubs for this term were sent out on the last day of last term (Friday 24th May).

Please note:

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

* please do not duplicate club bookings per session

* 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

SCHOOL CLUB LIST

GARDENING CLUB



Gardening Club have been busy working in our nature garden planting some perennials and annuals to add more diversity. We also learnt about the life cycle of beetles.



Big thanks to everyone who has donated and contributed to PTFA fundraising and especially to our PTFA here at Furze Platt. These donations have allowed us to buy lovely new gardening gloves and two border forks as shown in the photo below! We now have enough gloves for everyone who attends.

TUESDAYS



15:20 - 16:20

C12 | YD 7-12

TEACH MAIDENHEAD

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We had a 'Fizz and Farewells' celebration last week hosted by Holyport College to celebrate the end of the trainee teachers on the Teach Maidenhead Programme (pictured below with their mentors).



If you or anyone you know thinks they might be interested in training to become a teacher, please see our website for details:

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

or contact Claire.eadie@furzeplatt.net



Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

facebook.com/fpssptfa Website: [click here to access](#)

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?

PTFA BIG UNIFORM SALE, SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2024

Dear Parents

An important date for your diary!

Your PTFA is planning the annual second hand uniform sale on Saturday 6th July.

If you have any logo'd uniform in clean and saleable condition please drop it off via school reception. Year 11 families – please drop in uniform after the exams!

We also urgently need helpers in order for the sale to happen

Can you help by laundering a washing machine load (or two) of our stock, so that the uniform is clean to sell?

Helpers required to set up Friday 5th July from 5-7pm – even if you can't stay the whole time.

Helpers required on the day to assist people finding the right item/size etc. 11am-2pm and/or some clearing up time afterwards.

Please email ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net to let us know how you can help.

DID YOU KNOW?

We've recently donated around £4,500 to the school to spend supporting Gardening Club, Chess Club and our Duke of Edinburgh Awards team for kit; plus funding towards a sensory garden and a new initiative for Sports Award prizes. These will all greatly enhance your children's learning experience at the school, and we and the school staff are really grateful to everybody who has put in time and money to make this possible.

Now we need your help to carry on and make even more of a difference! Here's a short video that explains how you can help

[HOW YOU CAN HELP](#)

Help run the 200 Club - one of our main fundraisers and really important to keep the funds flowing but does not take very much time at all

Become a Uniform Coordinator and help manage our supplies of donated second hand uniform - makes us a lot of money but also provides a vital service to the school and parents

Join the 200 Club to donate £5 a month (literally less than the cost of a hot chocolate!) and be in with the chance of winning £200 at the next draw - sign up here [Furze Platt Senior School PTFA 200 Club - Monthly Donation](#) | Furze Platt Senior School PTFA (Powered by Donorbox)

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Please drop us a line under the Facebook video, or email ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net if you would like to find out more. We look forward to hearing from you!

FREE PARENT WEBINARS

Elevate Education have free webinars available for parents and carers <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>. There are two more live webinars this term plus you can access previous recorded sessions.

Live webinars:

* How You Can Help Your Child Alleviate Stress - Tuesday 18th June 6-7pm and * How You Can Get (And Keep) Your Child Motivated - Tuesday 2nd July 6-7pm

Recorded sessions: Ask Me Anything (Q&A) and How You Can Improve Your Child's Memory

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher



FUEL BOOKINGS

OPEN TO BOOK FROM MONDAY 17TH JUNE AT 9.30AM

The FUEL programme provides healthy food and enriching activities during school holidays to children who are eligible for benefits related to free school meals. It is funded by the government under the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme and is expected to run throughout 2024.

In RBWM, the programme has been renamed FUEL (Feed Ur Everyday Lives).

The aim of the FUEL programme is:

- to eat healthily and understand nutrition
- to be more active through engaging and enriching activities
- to be safe and not to be socially isolated
- to learn more about the different services Achieving for Children have available in the local area

Eequ is a popular booking platform for the free Holiday Activities and Food programme which is available primarily to families who receive benefit-related Free School Meals.

Some providers also offer affordable paid sessions alongside their HAF places for families that don't quite meet the eligibility criteria.

If parents have already made an account from Easter then they can log in as normal to book their child/ren on like before.

If parents have not used FUEL before, they need to create a new account in Eequ.

Please also see our website to get more information about what we are offering this Summer and a guide on bookings.

SHORT ARTICLE FOR PARENTS

LONGER ARTICLE FOR PARENTS



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Working in Wildlife Conservation: Work Experience with your local Wildlife Trust

Considering a career in wildlife conservation or environmental education? Join a small group on a 3 day course at Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre for a hands-on chance to find out what a job in a wildlife charity could feel like, including practical conservation work, wildlife ID and surveying, discussing the challenges of working in the sector and meeting the people doing the jobs already. Visit our website to find out more.

This course is suitable for young people aged 15 to 17 years.

Tuesday 30 July – Thursday 1 August 2024; 9:30am-3pm

£60 per head, covers all three days. Booking essential.

"I found the course super enjoyable. I also found the activities very inspiring for my future career."

Visit our website to book or for more info:

- bbowt.org.uk/events
- 01235 862024 or sceec@bbowt.org.uk



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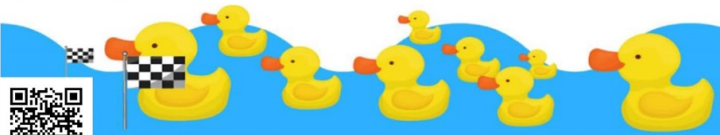
Duck Derby & Family Fun Day

Sunday 16th June, 12pm to 5pm

Ray Mill Island, Maidenhead

FREE ADMISSION

Train rides, Stalls,
Children's entertainment and more



Duck Race: 4.30pm (1st place WINS £250)

Preparing for Adulthood Information and next steps

EVENT DETAILS

Friday 28 June

10.30am to 1pm

**Desborough Bowling Club, 10 Green Lane,
Maidenhead SL6 1XZ**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Parents and carers of young people with special educational needs (SEND) who are considering their next steps following school (Year 10 onwards)

WHAT THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE

- The key information and dates for a young person transitioning to college or employment
- An explanation of what supported employment options are available
- An opportunity to share your concerns and anxieties, and ask questions
- Information from key supporting agencies

How to attend

If you are interested in attending please book via the QR code or Eventbrite <https://tinyurl.com/7hrj39ps>.



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