

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Careers and Higher Education Fair

Thank you to everyone who made Tuesday evening so fabulous and enabled our students to benefit from the knowledge of companies, organisations, colleges and universities. It was a very well attended event made possible by the kindness of many members of our community who came together to support FPSS. Thank you to all our ex-students, parents, carers or others with a connection with our school who came along to share details of their businesses. Equally, I would like to thank our Careers Team, led by Judith Bubb and Lisa Stirling for organising such a wonderful event.



Year 12 Parent and Student Consultation Evening

Thanks also to our Year 12 parents and carers who we met on Thursday evening. We had a near 100% attendance demonstrating our joint commitment to ensuring our Sixth Form students are successful.

Year 11 PPE Results

I would like to wish all Year 11 students good luck as they will be receiving their PPE results next week. I hope they get what they wished for and, if not, they use the experience to motivate them for next summer.

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week 1)

ALL EVENTS

MON 2 - FRI 13
DECEMBER

Inter-house Sports Week 2

TUE 3
DECEMBER

Flu Immunisations (Years 7-11)

Forthcoming Events

WED 11
DECEMBER

Christmas Concert

7pm - 9pm

THU 12
DECEMBER

Year 13 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening

4.15pm - 7.15pm

FRI 20
DECEMBER

End of Term 2 - Early finish

12.30pm finish

MON 23 - FRI 3
DECEMBER - JANUARY

Christmas Holidays

MON 6
JANUARY

Start of Term 3

8.40am start

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Our new Sixth Form prospectus

is now available to
view online.



SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS & COURSE GUIDE 2025

APPLY TO FURZE PLATT SIXTH FORM

YEAR 10 AND 13 REPORTS

The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools.

The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

[VIEW REPORTS](#)

YEAR 13 PARENTS' & STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING

On Thursday 12th December there will be an opportunity for the parents/carers of Year 13 to meet their child's subject teachers at Furze Platt Senior School. Face to face appointments will be available between 4.15-7.15pm in the Theatre and Main Hall.

Parents' Evenings are very important events that allow you to gain helpful insights into your child's progress, discuss upcoming assessments and find out how families can support students with revision, therefore we would request you attend the appointments with your child.

School Cloud is a platform whereby you will have an opportunity to book your appointments with your child's subject teachers in advance. The appointments will be available to book on School Cloud from 7pm on Tuesday 3rd December and will close on Thursday 12th December at 2pm.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 12th December.

Best wishes,

Miss R Lake - Deputy Headteacher

[BOOK APPOINTMENTS](#)



FREE PARENT WEBINAR: HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BUILD RESILIENCE

Elevate Education will be hosting their next parent webinar on resilience on Tuesday 3rd December.

Elevate works with our students, delivering high-impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you'll learn how you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

Sign up for the session below to learn how you can help your child to recover from a knock to their confidence. Whether that's a disappointing grade, exam slip-up, or a less-than-perfect report.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE](#)

How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child

Tuesday 3rd December 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- Practical strategies to help your child manage their response to setbacks
- Building your child's resilience both in and out of school
- How 'fear of failure' can impact your child's resilience





FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD 2024-25 LAUNCH

We are delighted to let you know that we are offering the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) to students in Year 9 this year, the Silver Award to our Year 10 students and the Gold Award to students currently in Year 12. The DofE is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award. Every young person's DofE programme is personal to them – they can choose what they'd like to do for their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, and most activities can count. Completion of these sections will primarily be the responsibility of the students taking part and students can either choose to continue an activity they already do or discover something completely new. Activities should be selected as soon as possible. The activities pack attached can provide suggestions for the sections.

Please be aware that for students in Year 10 attending the Turtle Conservation trip, the dates clash with the DofE assessment expedition. This has been unavoidable as we have changed expedition providers this year. Parents of students affected have been contacted directly.

Please contact dofe@furzeplatt.net if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Desrene Carty
DofE Manager (Registration, Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections)

David Randall
Outdoor Education and Enrichment Leader (Expedition section)

BRONZE DOFE INFORMATION LETTER

SILVER DOFE INFORMATION LETTER

GOLD DOFE INFORMATION LETTER

STUDENT PROMOTIONAL LEAFLET

PARENT PROMOTIONAL LEAFLET

DOFE PROGRAMME VOLUNTEERING IDEAS



FUEL

Feed Ur Everyday Lives

WINTER FUEL CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

We are delighted to share with you that RBWM Local Authority are once again running their Winter FUEL Programme. This is a series of free clubs and activities for children who are aged 5- 16 years old and are receiving Free School Meals.

There is also extended eligibility criteria for children who are:

- Accessing Pupil Premium
- Child in Care
- Refugees
- Child being supported by an Early Help or Social Care plan
- Young Carers

The FUEL live date will be the 15th November 2024 from 9am. Bookings and a list of activities can be made on the link below.

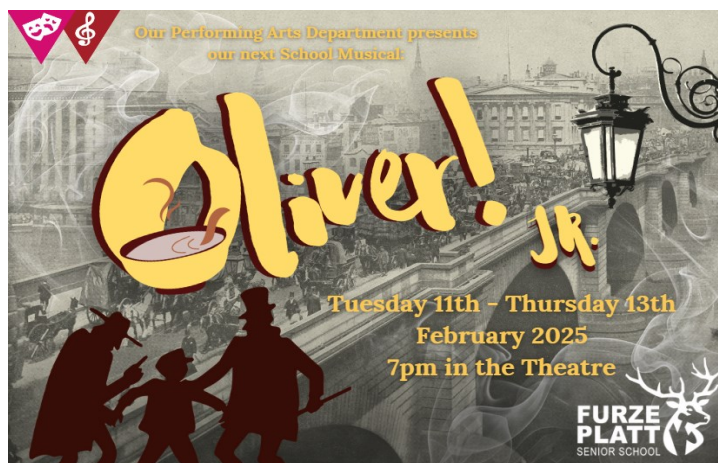
The Winter Programme on the **23rd and 30th December - 2nd and 3rd January.**

BOOK HERE

Please book through the eequ system as per Easter and Summer where you'll find all the programmes we have running this Christmas. In the meantime please check out the FUEL website for more information.

Please email haf@achievingforchildren.org.uk for any other enquiries

WHAT IS THE FUEL PROGRAMME?

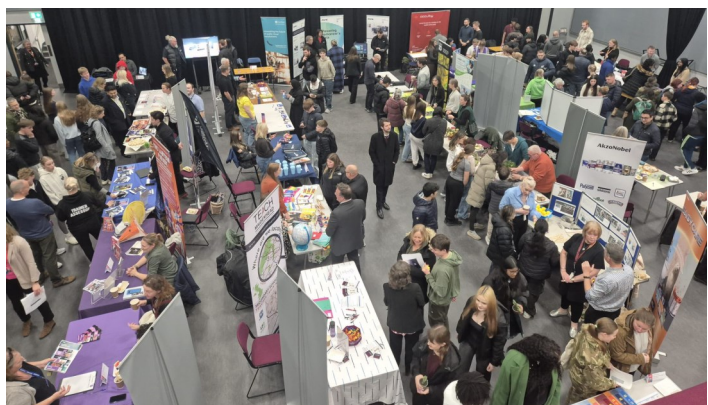


THE WEEK AT FURZE PLATT

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

An enormous thank you to all the employers and educational institutions that supported our Careers event on Tuesday. We had a fantastic variety of companies generously dedicating their time to participate, and we are grateful to each of them. Special recognition goes to Mrs J Bubb and Miss L Stirling for their exceptional coordination of the event.

Additionally, we sincerely appreciate the numerous parents, carers, and students who joined us. We hope you found the CHEF event incredibly helpful in guiding you toward (or away from) specific career paths.

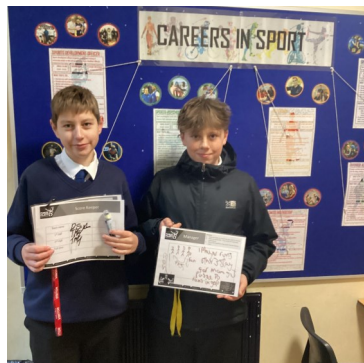


CAREERS WEEK IN PE

Bobby K, in Year 8, and Bilal A, in Year 9, are fully embracing Careers Week in their roles as the PE

Department Social Media Manager and Player Manager.

More students have also been stepping up to take on the responsibilities of coach/manager and scorekeeper too.



SCIENCE & GARDENING CLUB

The Science Club and the Gardening Club joined forces for National Tree Week and successfully planted a new row of trees behind the Humanities building. A big thank you to everyone who took part and to Dr. Morrison for generously donating a tree!



Next week, the Gardening Club will be going off-site to visit Nature's Haven on Marlow Road. Guardians, please remember to sign the consent form.

ART DEPARTMENT - CREATIVE SPOTLIGHT

This is our 'Creativity Board' where we showcase students that have produced exemplary work. This board is updated every fortnight to recognise our student's artwork.



BRILLIANT BAKING

Year 9s have been making some amazing looking and even better tasting Jammie Dodgers on Thursday morning. Congratulations Year 9!



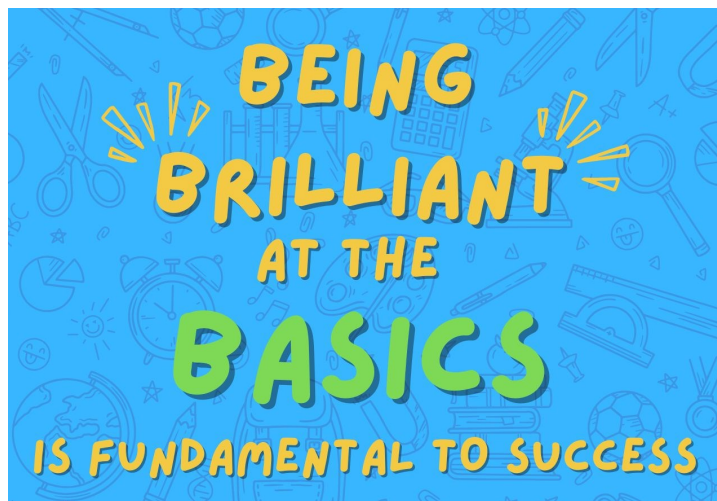
YEAR 10 – STUDY SKILLS SEMINAR

On Wednesday this week, during PSHE, each Year 10 tutor group had an external presenter from Elevate Education visit to help them with their studies.

This included help with:

- Utilising the syllabus to frame study
- Structuring and reviewing organised notes
- Conceptual learning to develop deep understanding
- Utilising practice exam papers
- Standing out through independent learning

There will be more sessions delivered next academic year to help them with their GCSE studies.



BRILLIANT AT THE BASICS

At Furze Platt Senior School, we believe that being "brilliant at the basics" is fundamental to success in all areas of life.

To support your child in achieving brilliance, we kindly request your assistance in ensuring they adhere to our school's guidelines. Firstly, punctuality is key. Arriving on school site by 8.40 am at the latest sets the tone for a productive day of learning. Additionally, wearing the full school uniform, including the blazer, fosters a sense of

belonging and pride in our school community at Furze Platt.

Equally vital is being prepared for learning. A fully charged laptop and a well-stocked pencil case are indispensable tools. Unfortunately, we have observed that some students have been lacking in essential equipment this week, which can hinder their learning progress. Therefore, we kindly ask you to take a moment to ensure your child's pencil case contains pens, pencils, a ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, and a scientific calculator and re-stock it if necessary ready for next week.

Your ongoing support in reinforcing these basics is invaluable.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Miss Rebecca Lake, Deputy Headteacher



MOVEMBER

Our PE Department are making great mo-gress, take a look at their blossoming moustaches in the photo below! They are raising funds and awareness this Movember for all the dads, brothers, sons and mates in our lives. Please donate to support men's health.



[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

We are excited to announce that tickets are now available for our annual Christmas Concert, a wonderful celebration of the festive season featuring a range of musical performances by our talented students.

We have been working hard to prepare a variety of entertainment including choral renditions, instrumental music, and festive songs. This concert is a great opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

Please note that there will be refreshments served before and during the interval, card payments for these are preferred if possible. Tickets are for non-specific seating in the theatre. Please bring your ticket email confirmation with you.

We look forward to seeing you there for a joyful evening of Christmas cheer.

Kind regards,

The FPSS Music Team

BOOK YOUR TICKETS



FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2024
7 PM START IN THE THEATRE



SCAN ME

BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE:
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/FURZEPLATTTHEATRE

ADMISSION: £5 ADULT; £3 CHILDREN 18 & UNDER; CHILDREN UNDER 2 FREE OF CHARGE

SAVE THE DATE



FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL

RAISING MONEY FOR
Thames hospice

CHRISTMAS FUN-RUN

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024
P4 & P5



We are raising all funds
via Just Giving:
justgiving.com/page/fpss-thames-hospice

SPONSOR OUR CHRISTMAS FUN-RUN



FURZE PLATT CAFE AFTER-SCHOOL COOKIE SALES

From Monday, the canteen will be open from 3.15 – 3.30pm, selling cookies and other after school snacks.

To view the school menu please click on the link below.

VIEW MENU



Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to give notice of the AGM of the Furze Platt Senior School Parent, Teacher & Friends Association to be held on Tuesday 14th January, 7pm for 7.30pm start, in School.

We will appreciate your attendance very much because to meet the Quorum and for votes to be carried, we require a minimum of 6 non-committee individuals to attend.

The PTFA plays an important role in the school community and all parents/carers, friends, and staff, as members of the PTFA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to see and hear how the funds you have helped raise have been spent for the benefit of your children at school. The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTFA Committee, who will represent the Association throughout the forthcoming year, September 2025 to August 2026. If you are interested in the role of Chair or Secretary, please complete the Nomination Form that accompanies this letter and return by email to ptfa@furzeplatt.net by Monday 6th January.

The Committee welcomes new ideas and suggestions to raise funds for our children, so please get in touch by email or through Facebook as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you, face-to-face, on Tuesday 14th January 2025.

Kind Regards
Gillian Healey
Secretary, Furze Platt Senior School PTFA
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Email: ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net
Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa>

AGM NOMINATION FORM


**Turn Black Friday into
Give Back Friday**

Raise donations for us
when you shop the sales



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Furze Platt Senior School



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BLACK FRIDAY



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OFFER VALID 29TH NOVEMBER 2024

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COME TO THE CENTRE AFTER 4:30PM OR CALL 01628 965754



The Croft Clinic

ADHD AND AUTISM SUPPORT

Coffee Morning!

We warmly invite you to our coffee morning, a supportive space for parents to connect, share experiences, and build a strong community with others who understand the unique challenges and joys of raising children with ADHD and Autism.

Event Details

- **Date:** Friday, 6th December 2024
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **Venue:** The River Room, The Odney Club, Odney Lane, Cookham, SL6 9SR
- **Cost:** £5 per person
- **Refreshments:** Tea, coffee, and a selection of cakes provided
(Please let us know of any dietary requirements so we can accommodate them.)

Why Attend?

- **Connect** with other parents who share similar experiences.
- **Exchange** valuable insights and support one another.
- **Relax** with tea, coffee, and delicious cakes in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

Special Guest: Gemma Ransome, Paediatric Dietitian BSc RD

Gemma will be joining us to share insights on children's nutrition. She offers virtual or in-person appointments at The Croft Clinic to support families with:

- Growth faltering, weight management, and healthy eating
- Selective eating/ARFID
- Allergy and intolerance, Coeliac Disease, Anaemia, vegetarian, and vegan diets

RSVP: To ensure we can accommodate everyone, please RSVP by Friday, 22nd November to admin@thecroftclinic.com



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.

How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated

17th September 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time

1st October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams

15th October 6:00pm

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory

19th November 6:00pm

How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child

3rd December 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

17th December 6:00pm

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