

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open Events and Evening

September and October are key months for parents and carers of Year 5 and 6 students looking for a secondary school in the next couple of years. Like most schools, we have a series of Open Events where prospective parents, carers and their children can visit FPSS.

Already we have run numerous morning tours, and I would like to thank all those children who have so far helped show parents around.

Next Thursday is our big Open Evening with the whole school on show. I know many students have already volunteered to assist and thank you to all parents and carers who will bring them to and from school that evening. We know that your children are excellent ambassadors for FPSS and the experience of talking to guests is a great way to develop their interpersonal skills. Please do encourage your children to get involved. You, our parents and carers, are also fantastic champions of FPSS, so please do share details with friends, family and neighbours who may have children nearing secondary school age.

Senior Maths Challenge

Good luck to all our Sixth Form students participating in the Senior Maths Challenge next week. Maths is our biggest A Level, so it will be a competitive, yet hopefully fun, challenge for all involved.

Adverse Weather

This term we seem to have had a lot of heavy rain, notably when students are leaving school. On several occasions students (and staff) have got soaked. Please could you ensure your children are equipped with a waterproof and/or umbrella. Many thanks.

Take care,

Dr Andrew J Morrison

Headteacher (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Next Week (Week 1)****ALL EVENTS**

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| THU 3 OCTOBER | Early School Finish | 12.30pm finish |
| | Whole School Open Evening | 6pm - 8.30pm |
| FRI 4 OCTOBER | INSET Day | School Closed |
| Forthcoming Events | | |
| MON 7 - SAT 19 OCTOBER | Inter-House Sports Weeks | 8am - 12pm |
| MON 7 OCTOBER | Year 13 Biology Fieldtrip - Woolly Firs | |
| WED 9 OCTOBER | Preparing to Succeed in Year 8 Evening | 6.15pm - 7.15pm |
| | Year 7 Teambuilding - Longridge Day 1 | |
| THU 10 OCTOBER | Year 7 Teambuilding - Longridge Day 2 | |
| FRI 11 OCTOBER | Year 7 Teambuilding - Longridge Day 3 | |
| WED 16 OCTOBER | KS4 & KS5 Form Tutor Parents' Consultation Evening | 4pm - 7pm |
| THU 17 OCTOBER | KS3 Form Tutor Parents' Consultation Evening | 4pm - 7pm |

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.

FSM CHECKING FORM

We would kindly encourage applicants to check their eligibility before 3rd October 2024 so that we can obtain funding from the Department for Education to support their learning. These funds will be used for supporting your son/daughter whilst at FPSS to remove barriers to their education, and to ensure success.

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

THIS THURSDAY!



Open Evening

Thursday 3rd October 2024

All welcome, no booking required.



Open Morning School Tours

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Booking available via Reception from 5th Sept

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to book a tour

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UNIFORM

Our students are our ambassadors in the community and beyond. As we prepare them for life after school, we expect them to wear their uniform with pride, on the way to school, in school and on the way home. By setting professional standards, they give themselves a great sense of belonging and are ready to take on a career where they will be expected to dress professionally. Please work with us to make sure your child has dressed appropriately before leaving for school. Please find the link below to our Furze Platt Uniform expectations as a reminder.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Following the recent poor weather, please ensure that your young person is dressed appropriately for rainy and cold conditions. A warm, ideally waterproof coat and an umbrella will help them navigate the frequent downpours we seem to get right at drop-off and pick-up times. This will hopefully prevent them from arriving at school – or getting home – drenched.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Miss R Lake (Deputy Headteacher)

HOW TO ACE YOUR EXAMS

YEAR
11

We invited a presenter from Elevate to deliver a session on 'How to Ace your Exams' during Year 11's PSHE lesson on Wednesday.

This covered:

- Highest value exam preparation tasks
- Fixing mistakes to ensure constant improvement
- Time allocation during exam preparation
- Techniques for managing stress & time pressure in exams

Please see the video explaining the content on the link below (please click on the relevant session). This provides more information for parents.

WWW.UK.ELEVATEDUCATION.COM/PROGRAMS/SENIOR

'HOW TO ACE YOUR EXAMS' PRESENTATION

In January, there will be another session delivered to all of Year 11 during PSHE (The Finishing Line), more details will be available nearer the time.

Mrs Debbie Feather

(Raising Achievement Manager)

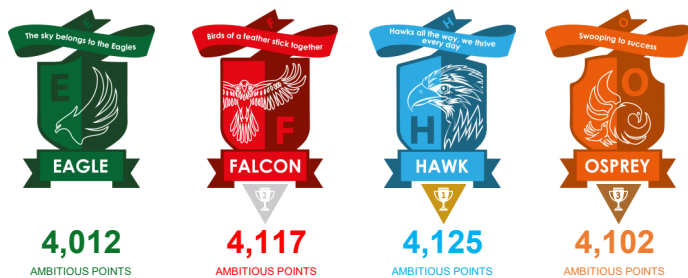


WINNERS FORTNIGHT 1

AMBITIOUS POINTS

Every term we focus on one of our School values. In term one we are concentrating on 'being ambitious'.

Our most Ambitious House so far...



Our most Ambitious Year so far...



Individuals

Whole School

(£10 Amazon Voucher)

Year 8 - Max Beale 8DAB

Year Groups

(All to get chocolate bar)

Year 7 – Freddie Weaving 7KAS

Year 9 – Dominik Sobon 9TJC

Year 10 – Arshia Choudhury 10SVJ

Year 11 – Sarah Wang 11DEN

Sixth Form – Oliver Holdway 6MNW

Tutor Groups

Whole School

(Biscuits and front of queue pass)

7AMH

Year Groups

(All to get biscuits)

8KEB

9TAS

10SVJ

11DEN

6MNW

ACHIEVE BAGDES

Students will be awarded school ACHIEVE badges when they have gained certain numbers of reward points. Join us in encouraging your child to collect them all!

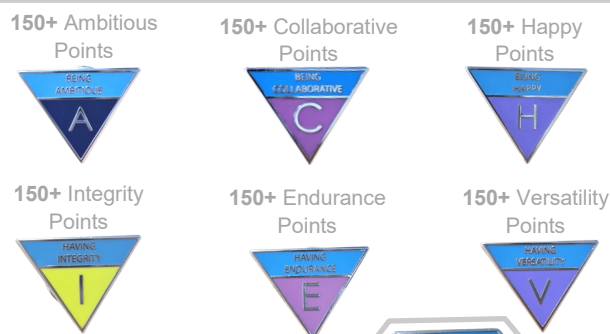
BRONZE ACHIEVE BADGES



Once students have collected all the bronze badges above, students are eligible for the **Bronze Excellence Badge!**



SILVER ACHIEVE BADGES



Once students have collected all the silver badges above, students are eligible for the **Silver Excellence Badge!**



GOLD ACHIEVE BADGES



Once students have collected all the gold badges above, students are eligible for the **Gold Excellence Badge!**



THE WEEK AT FURZE PLATT

Fabulous to see such a great turnout for our Morning Fitness Club with Mr Djaelani.

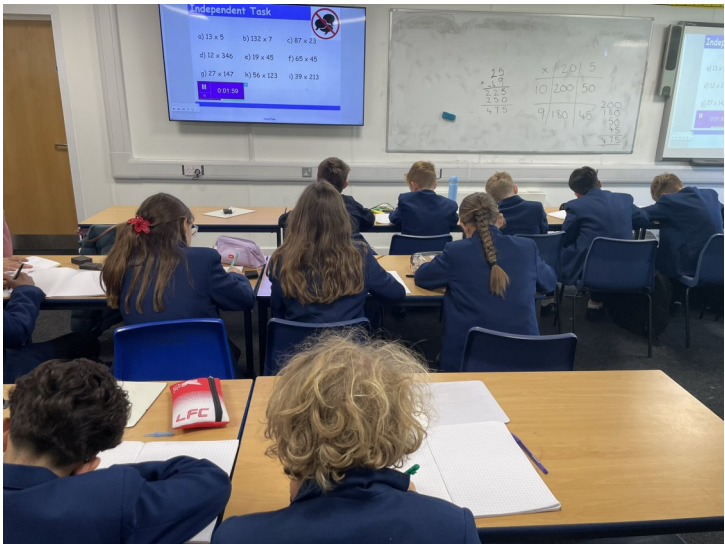
A fantastic way to start the day—building fitness and having fun together.



Check out our amazing Sarah Cox artist inspired paper mâché fish creations, made from recycled newspaper and card. Our students' creativity shines as they turn everyday materials into vibrant art.



Wonderful to see our Year 7 Product Design class learning how to use the drills, our Year 7 German linguists mastering new vocabulary, and our Year 7 Maths students working hard this week!



MUSIC AT FURZE PLATT

Here at Furze Platt Senior School, we are lucky enough to have a number of music providers for our students to learn singing, instrument and playing either solo or as part of a group.



PROUD TO BE A
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2023 - 2024

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION REQUEST FORM



Do you want to be in the next number one pop band, a performer in the best classical orchestra in the world or you just want to be a better hairbrush singer?

The Music Department are giving you the opportunity to let your dreams come a reality!

At Furze Platt Senior School we offer a huge range of lessons through our specialist instrumental teachers. From violin and flute to electric guitar and drums we have it all available to every Furze Platt student.

To find out more about lessons please see Mr Forster or drop him an email stuart.forster@furzeplatt.net



TEACHING ASSISTANTS APPRECIATION DAY

In celebration of National Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day, we would like to express our deep gratitude to our amazing Learning Support Assistants, RA mentors, and all student-facing support staff for their exceptional dedication to supporting our students. Their tireless efforts in creating a positive and inclusive learning environment have been recognised by staff across the school, who have shared heartfelt comments and messages of appreciation. These messages have been delivered by students, along with homemade cakes, as a token of our collective thanks. Your hard work and commitment truly make a difference every day!



TERM 1 CLUBS (SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024)

Clubs for Term 1 2024-25 (September - October half term) invitations from Evolve were sent out on Friday 6th September 2024.

Full details about our school clubs and academic support clinics can be found on our website under 'News & Events', 'School Clubs'. A quick link to this webpage can be accessed through the link below.

SCHOOL CLUBS WEBPAGE

Polite reminder: there are no clubs Thursday afternoon or Friday due to the Open Evening and INSET day next week.



WE ARE HIRING

Join Our Talent Pool

Let us know you are interested in working with us by joining our Talent Pool.

[FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL TALENT POOL](#)

Exam Invigilators - Casual

EDV/2024/FPSS/26770

Term time only. Casual contract.

📍 Furze Platt Road, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ

🕒 Casual Contract | N/A

💷 £14.15 Hourly



[Apply Now](#)

New • Apply by 09:00am, Monday 14th Oct, 2024 • Job start: ASAP

About this Role

Furze Platt Senior School is looking to add to their bank of dedicated Exam Invigilators, who will be employed on a casual basis to supervise students taking both pre-

public exams and actual GCSE/A Level exams, as necessary throughout the school year.

We are looking for individuals who:

- Are available to work regularly during the official exam season during May and June and on an ad hoc basis to cover pre-public exams which take place at various times during the academic year
- Can work under pressure, remain calm and be empathetic to candidate's needs whilst remaining compliant with regulations
- Have good organisational, communication and interpersonal skills
- Are reliable, punctual with the ability to work as part of a team or independently as required

Full training will be provided, and staff will be contacted prior to the exam period to discuss the invigilation schedule in relation to their own availability.



Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

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

WELCOME (BACK) TO SCHOOL!

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Friends

Thank you to everybody who has already emailed volunteering to help the PTFA - we will be back in touch again shortly.

We don't need anybody to make a huge time commitment but if you are able to help in any small way or have ideas or suggestions then please do contact us.



Right now we would particularly like to have a 200 Club coordinator. You would be running one of our biggest fundraisers but it's a very light touch role which can be done entirely from home and takes probably an hour a month working on a computer, with extra little flurries of activity around the time of the quarterly draws (the nice bit of telling people they've just won £200). We would

love to hear from you if this is something you would be interested in.

The next draw for the 200 Club will be at our meeting on Wednesday 9th October. Please note last date to sign up is Sunday 6th October. Everybody who signs up by then will go in the draw.

Please email us at ptfa@furzeplatt.net. Or drop us a message through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/fpssptfa>.

Please consider joining the 200 Club as an easy way of supporting the school. For £5 a month, you can purchase a number which will be entered into our quarterly draw and gives you the chance to win £200. Tax-free! Please sign up using the link below:

JOIN OUR 200 CLUB



We are registered with Easyfundraising.org to receive online donations when you access your favourite online retailers via Easyfundraising. Doesn't cost you anything

and is literally free money for us. Sign up or re-direct your current causes to us on the link below:

[HTTPS://WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

EASYFUNDRAISING: FIND OUT MORE HERE

We would also love to receive your donations of clean, saleable uniform which your children have outgrown - please leave them in the crates in school reception.



Diary date - we are planning our first PTFA meeting of the year, and the first 200 Club draw - for the evening of **Wednesday 9th October**. We would love to see you there.

Best wishes

Your PTFA



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



EAGLE
The sky belongs to the Eagles



FALCON
Side of a leader stick together



HAWK
Hawks of the world, we have more pride



OSPREY
Swapping to success

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



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>