



MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies

This week I have been leading our assemblies. My foci have been:

- Feeding back to students on exam results and changes for 2019/20.
- Sharing with students the survey they completed this summer and how we are addressing some of the issues they raised.
- Launching ACHIEVE and reminding students (via a clip of Frank Abagnale's talk this summer) of the need to respect all members of our community.

Above all I have emphasised that this is a fresh year where students can really impress their new teachers and peers.



Uniform Checks

This Tuesday and Thursday Heads of House and Senior Leadership Team members checked uniform across the school. We were delighted to find the vast majority of our students following our uniform code and I would like to thank parents and carers for all their support.

New Build

This week we had the disappointing news that we will not be able to move into the new three-storey teaching block until half term, a month later than thought. Looking



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next Week (Week 1)

WED 18 SEPTEMBER	Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip 3 - Box Hill	
THU 19 SEPTEMBER	Celebration Evening	7pm - 9pm

Forthcoming Events

MON 23 - FRI 27 SEPTEMBER	Languages Week	
TUE 24 SEPTEMBER	Year 11 - Preparing to Succeed Evening 1	6.30pm - 7.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20



positively it is good to have a completion date and we look forward to using these fantastic new facilities in Term 2.

Box Hill Geography visits

I hear great things about our students on the various Box Hill trips this past week. I am delighted to see them so focused on their Geography fieldwork.

Year 5 and 6 Tours

Our tours began this week. We have had so many compliments for the mature way in which our student guides

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have led these tours. Please pass on my congratulations if your son or daughter was one of them.

Preparing to Succeed Evenings

It has been great to meet so many Year 7, 12 and 13 parents and carers this week introducing you to key staff and the academic year ahead. I hope you found these evenings useful. Please do

contact us should you have further questions.

Dr A Morrison

The transition from Junior to Senior School is a big one for students and their parents and it may seem that parental involvement is not needed in the same way as previously. This is definitely not the case and there are several ways in which parents can get involved either now or in the future. Two ways in particular in which you could help are: The PTFA do an excellent job at various events and in raising much needed funds, do please contact them and volunteer any time you can spare. It will be much appreciated and make a huge difference.

Parent Governor elections are about to take place and we are looking for new governors who can put in the time and commitment to help drive the school forward and ensure we are maximising resources and opportunities for our young people. Do get in touch with me via the school if you would like to find out more about the role as it would be terrific to have some additions to our team.

With the new teaching block nearing completion and the new hall work starting soon it is an exciting time in the School's history and we have a duty and opportunity to keep improving our facilities for the benefit of all within our community.

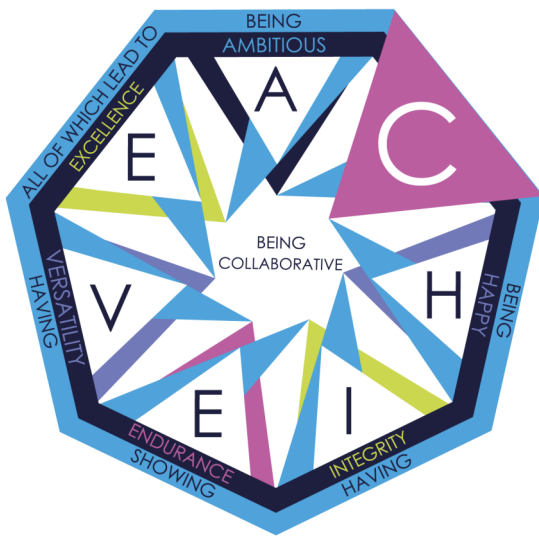


Gavin Tisshaw

OUR PREPARING TO SUCCEED PRESENTATIONS:



- YEAR 7 - PRESENTATION**
- YEAR 12 - PRESENTATION**
- YEAR 13 - PRESENTATION**



MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



Firstly, on behalf of Governors, a very warm welcome to all new parents, students and staff. We hope that your time at and/or association with our great school will be enjoyable, fulfilling and successful.

As a Year 7 parent myself it feels just as daunting as when my older two joined the school as well as exciting for all the new experiences it will bring my son and his peers. I know the time will absolutely fly by for us as we watch our sons and daughters develop, grow and flourish in this community.

YEAR 7 PGL



Bisham/Bray/Cookham/Dorney Houses: 22nd – 24th May 2020

Eton/Henley/Marlow/Windsor Houses: 5th – 7th June 2020

We are delighted to announce that our very popular Year 7 PGL trips are running again in May and June of next year. Due to the size of the year group, these are split into two groups with students in Bisham, Bray, Cookham and Dorney Houses going in May, and those in Eton, Henley, Marlow and Windsor Houses in June. These are fantastic, fun packed weekends with the emphasis firmly on making friends and accomplishing new challenges. Letters have been sent out on Wisemail and deposit payments can be made there also.

Miss D Boseley, PGL Trip Leader

- PGL - BISHAM/BRAY/COOKHAM/DORNEY**
- PGL - ETON/HENLEY/MARLOW/WINDSOR**

'HANDS ON MUSIC'

We saw a great turnout for the Year 7 and 8 'Hands On' music event. There was a real buzz in the department as students played a range of instruments from the piano right through to the euphonium while parents were able to talk to the teachers. The singing teacher is offering free trial lessons and anyone interested should email Mr Forster, or if you were unable to attend but would like information please contact Stuart.forster@furzeplatt.net

MUSIC LETTER

YEAR 11 UNIVERSITIES TRIP

If you have not completed the form please can you return to Mrs Bubb via WisePay. Thank you.

POLITICS TRIP TO USA APRIL 2020

There is a updated payment schedule on WisePay, parents can pay in full or in instalments. If you are paying by instalments, the next payment is now due.

ROME TRIP FEBRUARY 2020

There is one space available on this trip, aimed at students doing P&R GCSE or with similar level of interest. Included in the trip is a visit to the Vatican. Please email lisa.stirling@furzeplatt.net for further details.

FPSS TRIPS AND VISITS INFORMATION



WE BELIEVE EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE MATTERS.



SCHOOL CLUBS

All our school clubs are up and running from Monday, please do encourage students to attend as many as they are interested in.

ALL YEARS SCHOOL CLUBS

YEAR 7 CLUBS

Our Transition Co-ordinator Mrs Crisford has created a list of clubs specifically aimed at our new Year 7 students to help them settle in. It has been really lovely to see so many students not only attending the clubs that started last week but being so enthusiastic and willing to get involved. Please do encourage them to join any they may be interested in.

YEAR 7 CLUBS LIST

PSYCHOLOGY

In Psychology we love to experience things 'first hand'. To check Wundt's Theory of Introspection, our Year 12 students used sweets that helped them understand how thought processes work: from the moment you see the sweet, through all the sensation that comes with consuming it, finishing on the verbalised opinion. The students measured quality, intensity and duration of the experience combining fun with learning – that's what we like to do!

Miss R Paradowska, Head of Psychology

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our 2019/2020 Student Leadership team are now pictured on our website, thank you to Head Girl Gemma Higley for co-ordinating the team. For the first time, alongside our Head

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WED 18 SEPTEMBER	Year 11 Geog Trip (3) to Box Hill	All Day
THU 19 SEPTEMBER	Celebration Evening	7:00pm - 9:00pm
TUE 24 SEPTEMBER	Preparing to Succeed in Year 11 Evening (1)	6:30pm - 7:30pm
WED 25 SEPTEMBER	PTFA meeting	6:30pm - 7:30pm

WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

Hello, I'm Deputy Head Girl for 2019/20. I'm currently studying Psychology, Maths and Sports, as well as having recently completed an AS in Further Maths. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Furze Platt every year since Year 7. I have a keen passion for sport and have thoroughly enjoyed playing in many of the school teams throughout the last six years. I hope to go on and do Sport and Maths at University. I'm very excited for the year ahead!

VIEW ALL



Boy and Head Girl, we have appointed a Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl who will all feature in our major school events. You may have already seen them presenting! We have a great team of House Captains to complete the Student Leadership Team.

GOLD FOR FURZE PLATT STUDENT ROWING BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019



Great result by Max Bird, Year 11, racing with Jacob Iorras (Desborough) at J 15 double sculls. Having got through appalling weather conditions to qualify, they won the event. Many congratulations to them both.



PTFA



The PTFA is already in the swing of things and would love to welcome as many people as possible to the first meeting of the year in school on Wednesday 25th September from

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6.30-7.30pm. It's a friendly and pragmatic group and you can be involved as much or little as you want.

If you would like to join the PTFA email circulation list, please drop an email to joy@workjourney.co.uk to be kept in the loop about activity, meetings, minutes etc. You can also like our Facebook group 'Furze Platt Senior School PTFA'.

Had a sort-out of uniform over the summer and start of term? Please donate clean, current style and good condition FPSS branded uniform or trainers/football boots to the boxes in reception by Wednesday 18th September.

There will be a second-hand uniform sale on Friday 20th September 3.15 - 5.30pm in the library. Seize the opportunity to replace missing or outgrown items!

While you are sorting out the wardrobe, why not order some name labels <https://www.easy2name.com/> and select Furze Platt Senior PTFA as your fundraising group at checkout?

We need helpers please at some upcoming events. Could you spare an hour at any of these?:

- Friday 20th September second hand uniform sale: set up 2.45pm, sale 3.15–5.30pm - contact joy@workjourney.co.uk
- Thursday 3rd October Open Evening refreshments 6-9pm
- Friday 15th November Quiz night bar 7-10.30
- For Refreshments and /or bar help please contact Lorraine.office@furzeplatt.net or lphughes@aol.com

Here are the dates of PTFA meetings:

- **Wednesday 25th September 6.30pm**
- Thursday 14th November 7pm
- Wednesday 22nd January 7pm
- Thursday 12th March 7pm
- Wednesday 10th June 7pm

If you would like to see more about our PTFA and the work we do, please visit our webpage here:

FPSS PTFA WEBPAGE



REMINDERS

WEEK ONE AND WEEK TWO - ORGANISATION !

Please help new students to ensure they have the correct books, PE kit etc. Next week is Week 1, the weeks are always listed on the calendar at the front of the newsletters.

JOIN OUR CROWD

Coming in September – your chance to help us at Furze Platt School to create a truly inspiring theatre by becoming part of our forthcoming crowdfunding appeal! We will be relying on you to spread our message and help raise £34,000.

Be part of our crowd!

#watchthisspace

#joinourcrowd

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200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 7

on Friday 26th April 2019



ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)



MESSAGE FROM WAYNE DIXON

CHRISTIAN CONNECTIONS IN SCHOOLS (CCIS)

To all the Year 7 Pupils (and anyone else who has joined the school this term):



I hope you have had a good summer and my very best wishes as you start here. It was just great to meet so many of you when I came to your Primary School for **It's Your Move!**. And when I popped in back in July and saw you at break time. I loved it and hope you found the session and the **It's Your Move!** book you were given useful. As I mentioned when I came to your primary school that Furze Platt Senior is one of a number of schools I visit in the area and have done for over 30 years now. Sorry if I didn't come to your particular primary school. I visited over 50 schools and every primary school in Maidenhead including Furze Platt Junior, Courthouse, St. Mary's, Riverside all 3 Cookham Schools and some more. For those new in Year 7 whose primary school I didn't visit; my name is Wayne Dixon and I visit schools (Altwood, Claires Court, Cox Green, Desborough College, Furze Platt Senior, Holyport College, Newlands Girls') for a variety of things including chatting with students and staff, lessons and assemblies.

I'm on a Sabbatical until the beginning of November and so not due in schools until around then. I usually come in for your House Assemblies, a Year 7 lesson and some other things so I look forward to seeing you then. In the meantime, I trust that you settle in well; make new friends and enjoy the great opportunities you will have at Furze Platt Senior. In July I had the chance to go back to my Primary School in East London which I left over 40 years ago. It was very special to chat to current pupils and staff there; sit in the classroom where I used to be and, in the hall, where we had our assemblies.

I hope you enjoyed the Zach Rap (the link I used last term is here for you and any parents / carers that would like to hear it again) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaJ76yj7X1U>

My very best wishes to you; your families and everyone in the school community. I continue to meet ex pupils from Furze Platt Senior and am still in touch with some of them who left many years ago.

Wayne Dixon
Christian Connections in Schools (CCiS)
Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead

COOKHAM NURSERY SCHOOL - JOB VACANCY

COOKHAM NURSERY SCHOOL

One-to-one Support for a named SEN child and Lunchtime Controller

Scale 2: Point 1 £17,364 – £18,666 pa, pro rata (£11.01 per hour)
Term time, 08:45 – 12:30, 18.75 hours per week • One year fixed term contract • Required as soon as possible

We have an exciting opportunity for an individual wishing to develop their experience in Early Years Education in an innovative setting.

We are looking for someone who has experience and enjoys working with children. The role involves supporting an SEN named individual in helping to develop their key skills, and assisting all children in Lunch Club.

We would welcome visits to the setting; these can be arranged by contacting the school office. For application packs please email the school on cookhamnursery@rbwm.org.uk or call 01628 520002.

Closing date: Monday 30 September 2019

Applications will be considered as received and interviews will be arranged accordingly.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references.

Cookham Nursery School

Station Hill, Cookham, Berks SL6 9BT
Tel: 01628 520002
Email: cookhamnursery@rbwm.org.uk
www.nurseryfederation.co.uk
Co-Headteachers: Mrs S Cottle & Ms H McHale



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FILLINGS

- Bacon
- Sausage

FRUIT POTS

- Fruit Salad
- Pineapple
- Melon
- Watermelon
- Grape



Innovate



The Magnet Netball Club are a growing club based at the Magnet Leisure Centre in Maidenhead.

We are currently looking for players in
Yr 7
to join in a fun but challenging recreational session.

Training is Wed at 5pm until 6pm
in the Pearce Suite
Sessions consist of a Warm Up, Practice Drill
and 35 mins playing time.

There will be term fees to pay of £47.30
or pro rata plus an Annual Membership fee of £25.

If you would like to come for a trial session then
please go to

<http://magnetnetballclub.co.uk/contact>

and complete the New Membership Enquiry Form

We look forward to seeing you

NOTE: You can also just turn up!

Dated: 11th Sept 2019

COOKHAM & MAIDENHEAD ARTS TRAIL

Visit local artists in their studios with refreshments, demos and a range of original work for sale

FREE ENTRY Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th September, 10am - 6pm



Group Exhibition

The Gallery, Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

Altwood Road, Maidenhead, SL6 4PF

Open Tuesday September 3rd - Sunday 22nd

Tuesdays - Saturdays: 5pm-10.30pm • Sundays: 10.30am-10.00pm

Brochures with trail map are available at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Maidenhead Library and The Stationery Depot, Cookham



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