



MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another packed edition of the newsletter. Thank you to all staff, students, parents and carers who are continuing to contribute to ensuring this newsletter records and reflects what we are doing as a community at this difficult time.



For the second week, I have tried to share sections of my newsletter with you via video. It is slightly awkward and a little embarrassing trying to record myself but important as we try and keep schooling 'human' and not just online. I have kept my written words shorter in order to encourage you to have a watch!

VIDEO MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Home Learning

This week we have continued to embed the changes we started at the start of Term 5 with students telling me that they are starting to get into a routine. It is lovely to see some of the work happening at home including seeing some published in this newsletter.

There will be one addition to the Home Learning arrangements from Monday with Year 10 also having online seminars. These were detailed in my letter to Year 10 students, parents and carers today.

How are the FPSS community offering support?

Each day we read or hear about things people are doing to support our key workers, vulnerable people, charities and each other. What are you up to? Please let us know via [form](https://form.furzeplatt.net) [tutors](https://form.furzeplatt.net) or our newsletter email: media@furzeplatt.net.



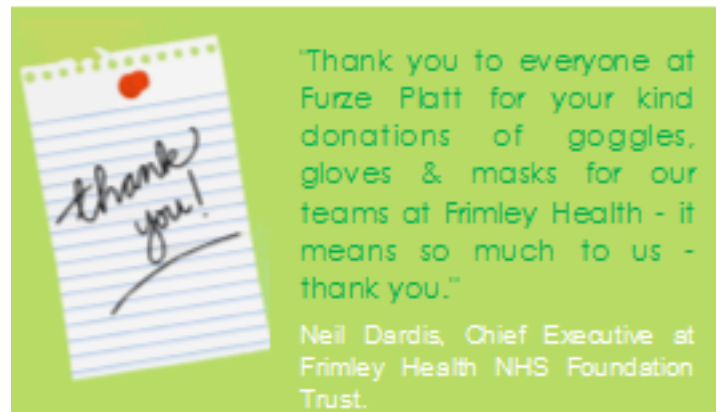
UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)
[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

All events are postponed until schools reopen.
Further information will be sent out in due course.




THANK YOU TO FURZE PLATT FROM NHS



Thank you to our Head of Science Dr Scott and everyone who helped to make this a reality.

Frimley Health 
NHS Foundation Trust

Support for You

Finally, please do remember that there are groups out there should you need specialist support. Please see the Counselling and Support Services document available on our Covid-19 webpage for further information.

COVID-19 FPSS WEBPAGE

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



YEAR 7 PGL (current Year 7 students)

Please ensure you have confirmed your child's place on the rescheduled PGL trip (Friday 9th – Sunday 11th October) by Monday 4th May by emailing Miss Boseley.

Having received a few queries, I just want to confirm the following:

- I am intending to hold the Parents Information Evening at a later date. Once we know more about when schools will reopen, I will be able to inform you of the new date. If it is not possible to hold this Information Evening, all information including itinerary, activities and emergency contact information will be sent home.
- You will be able to choose your child's PGL jumpers at the Information Evening. Again, if this is not able to go ahead, I will contact you all with an order form.
- For the time being WisePay is closed. With the PGL trip now rescheduled for a later date, the final payments will also be rescheduled to a later date. Once I have confirmation of this date, I will create a payment schedule, inform you all and reopen WisePay accordingly.
- Students will be given the opportunity to request two students they wish to share a room with and be in activity groups with. They will complete their requests during a school assembly. They will be given advance warning of this assembly as many students like to prearrange their groups within their friendship groups. When allocating rooms and activity groups, I will endeavour to ensure everybody is with people they requested.
- Please ensure you are still completing the Behaviour Agreement, Mobile Phone Agreement and Medical Forms if you haven't done so already. These can be accessed on the School Website, along with the original PGL reschedule letter here:

TRIPS AND VISITS - INFORMATION AND LETTERS

- Finally, we still have no further knowledge about if and when schools and PGL centres are due to reopen. We are planning this trip in the hope that everything will be settled and we will be back to normal routines by then. As some of you have pointed out, there is a chance that this may not be the case but please rest assured, we will make the necessary and appropriate decision nearer the time should this be the case.

Should you have any more questions regarding PGL, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss D Boseley, PGL Trip Leader 2019-2020

EMAIL: DANIELLE.BOSELEY@FURZEPLATT.NET

LIVE STEM ACTIVITIES THURSDAY 7TH MAY



On Thursday 7th May STEM

Ambassadors will be presenting a day of live streamed activities for schools and students at home.

The day will include a series of half hour sessions from STEM Ambassadors covering a range of subjects across science, engineering, mathematics and more.

Each presenter will bring a wealth of expertise from their work as a STEM professional, using activities already tried and tested in the classroom.

The event starts at 10am and will be live-streamed on the [STEM Learning YouTube channel](#). The sessions will cover a range of ages, but will mostly be focused on older primary school and younger secondary school students. STEM activities, including presentations, mentoring and careers talks, STEM Ambassadors play an essential role in inspiring the next generation with the world of STEM subjects and careers.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON STEM

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The most topical word of 2020 appears to be 'unprecedented', we are all learning that there still can be a first for anything. I can appreciate that right now we are all in uncharted territory and due to Covid-19 your status of employment may have unexpectedly changed. Whilst I appreciate this may be an incredibly difficult time for you all, I wanted you to know there is potential government funding to support your child. You can use the link below to check if you are eligible or please do email if you have any queries.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY CHECK

Cont. on page 3

If you are eligible, you will receive £15 per week per child via the government's national voucher scheme. Please do however be aware that the response may not be immediate as the Borough are trying to cope with an increase of demands.

Take care and stay safe.

Miss E Satterthwaite, PP Champion

EMAIL: FSM@FURZEPLATT.NET

WINNING ENGLISH MINI-SAGA

Congratulations to the winner of this week's English Mini-Saga, Anya Clayton (Year 10).

Summer ways

Stuffy air released, warm fresh scents rush in with the pull of a window. I laugh as jokes rattle from one side, while the other stands and cooks; idly listening and adding well placed comments. Arguments quickly forgotten with the coming of new days. Living with family. Bliss.

Happiness
is
family

Here is Miss May's submission:

Family Time in Quarantine

Yesterday, Mum abandoned home schooling because Dad kept farting during my Maths lessons. We laughed. Today, sister attempted her third escape - yelling something about needing 'more inspiring Instagram content!' We laughed (she did not). Tonight, we will settle TV disputes with a quickfire game of Rock, Paper, Scissors. We will laugh.

live
laugh
love

YEAR 10 DRAMA

Our Year 10 Drama students are studying Kneehigh Theatre company's Hansel and Gretel. For a bit of Easter fun, students were set the task to create a shadow puppet for one character of the play that could be used in their interpretation. This is Alfie Windsor's brilliant interpretation of the Rabbit.





DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FURZE PLATT ALUMN

SAM WILLIAMS



Sam Williams, 23, successfully completed the length of the Brighton Marathon by running in his garden and raising over £1300 for the domestic violence charity 'Refuge' – a impressive feat that took him over five hours.

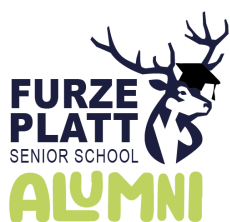
His original plan was to run the marathon in Brighton but it was cancelled due to the current situation. Determined not to be beaten by that, he ran 1600 laps of his 27m garden in Gringer Hill, encouraged by his parents (shown running with him in fancy dress) and his neighbours, many of whom created banners to support him.

He is not only impressive at sports. He won the University of Reading heat of the well known 'Chortle' student comedy awards in February and is waiting to hear further details of when the semi finals will take place. Over the past eighteen months he has performed over a hundred stand up comedy gigs.



Sam currently attends the University of Sussex, studying Film and Drama, and is on track for a first class honours degree. He is not only a Furze Platt alumni but also previously worked as a Cover Supervisor at Furze Platt and was part of our very successful 'Summer Fun' leadership team.

Whilst at Furze Platt, he studied English Literature, Drama and Geography at A-level and he plans to make a career in screen writing and stand up comedy.



Here is Sam's Just Giving message:

Thanks for taking the time to read through this fundraiser in aid of Refuge.

I was meant to run the Brighton marathon on Sunday 19th April but it was delayed until September due to Coronavirus... so I decided to run the race as planned on Sunday the 19th, but in my back garden.

I thought it'd be a good opportunity to help raise some money for Refuge. Lockdown measures mean that incidents of domestic violence are spiking and charities like Refuge are vital in supporting victims through the uniquely difficult circumstances that the Coronavirus outbreak has thrust upon them. I haven't set a fundraising target because it's such short notice but if you would like to donate then that'd be awesome.

Here's Refuge's story:

One woman in four will experience domestic violence at some point in her lifetime and two women are killed each week in England and Wales by a current or former partner. Refuge supports around 6,000 women & children on any given day, experiencing domestic and sexual violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage, stalking, trafficking, prostitution & so-called 'honour' based violence. By kindly sponsoring me today you are helping to save and change the lives of thousands of women and children escaping domestic violence.

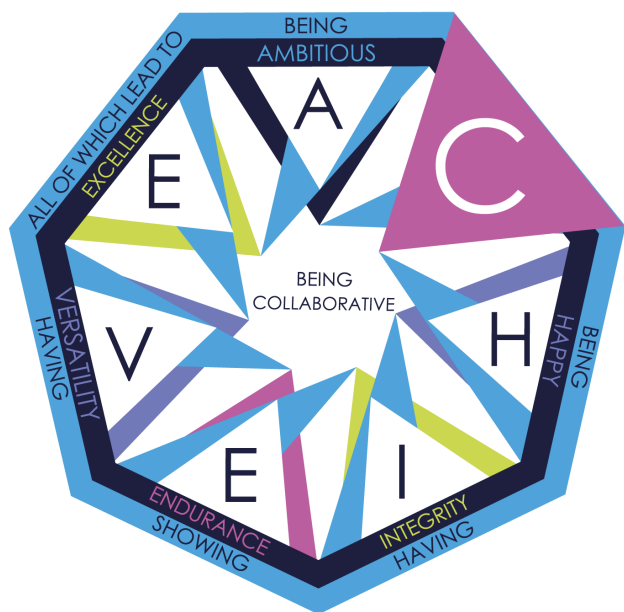
Thank you.



[DONATE TO SAM'S JUST GIVING PAGE](#)

[WATCH SAM'S GARDEN MARATHON - ON TWITCH](#)

[READ ABOUT SAM'S MARATHON IN THE MAIDENHEAD ADVERTISER](#)



YEAR 7 MUSIC

Inspired by 'Trash the Camp' from Disney's Tarzan, Year 7 students will be creating the FPSS Home Learning Percussion Band. This week they have been busy creating instruments from everyday items found around the house and have submitted some great ideas. Over the next few weeks, Year 7 will be developing their understanding of rhythm by composing and performing their own rhythm compositions. At the end of the task a large scale composition will be created using all the different ideas from the Year 7 work. Pacey also used his instrument during last night's 'Clap for Carers' session.

Evie N



Phoebe M



Freya S



Marcus D



Pacey T



Alfie H



LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

French

Year 7



Natalie Darmon, Matej Sutton, Olive Bodiam, Amy Barker
Manuel Mizik, Maximillian Wibberley, Will Couling,
Marcus Doe, Tom Scott, Oscar Tisshaw, Pacey Thandi,
Charles Smith, Alex Breen, Annabelle Stratford

Year 8

Luka Wilson, Charli Arnold

Year 9

Niamh McCallion, Charlotte Barrons, Balraj Kaur

Year 10

Zara Atkin, Milly Dunn, Alessio Reina, Ben Wilson,
Isabella Hedges, William Atkinson, Maya Ciesielska,
Dylan Gardner, Erin McEvoy, Amelie Owen, Bella Powell,
Alfie Bristow



German

Year 7

Mohammed Alami-Chaouni

Year 9

Sahil Mahdizada, Scott Rangel, Jessica Bristow, Mia
Lawrence, Harvey Bond, Declan Pinto, Finnley Tanner,
Balraj Kaur, Lucas Bourne, Max Fal, Finlay Howe, Henry
Drew, Will Lonsdale, Lilly Vann

Cont. on page 6

Year 10

Sean Montgomery, Damir Bajohr, Keith Cory, Nick Habib, Katie Pettigrew, Lara Torok, Anna Gambrell, Amy Bawden, Charlie Stinton, Jay Keyte, Victor Harrit

Spanish

Year 7

Fred Fletcher, Charlotte Soden

Year 8

Dylan Williams-Lock, Eugenia Sanchez, Chris Tagne, Lewis Rennie

Year 9

Ewelina Sobon, Freddie Chalk, Kornelia Jankowska, Amy Matthews, Ben Roberts, Josh Woodhatch, Jack Dunn, Sofi Selby, Josh Sutton

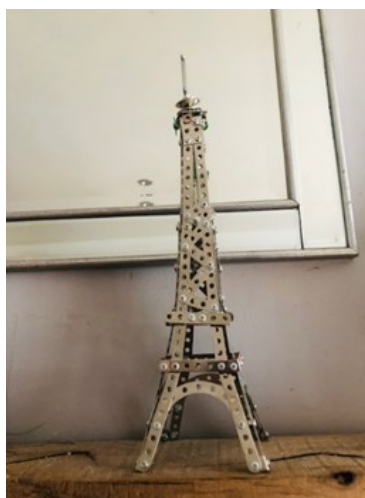
Year 10

Kensa Horner, Rhys Williams, Dario Branco, Ellie Gavin, Lillia Bowsher, Saif Hussain



YEAR 7 – FANTASTIQUE!

In addition to our amazing linguists, Year 7 students were challenged to research facts about the Eiffel Tower and then to build it from any available materials at home. Some terrific examples below from Natalie Darman, Evie Napier and Rosa Castignetti, and well done also to Tom Scott for his delicious looking crepes.



LEARNING RESOURCES

You can find our current list of Learning Resources here:

FAMILY LEARNING RESOURCES

FAMILY
LEARNING
RESOURCES

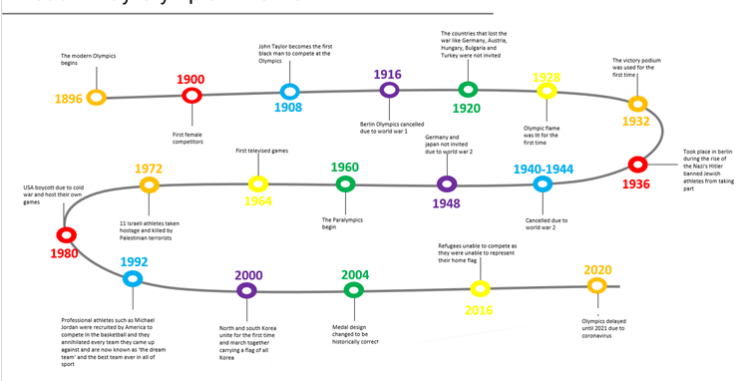


YEAR 9 PE RESEARCH

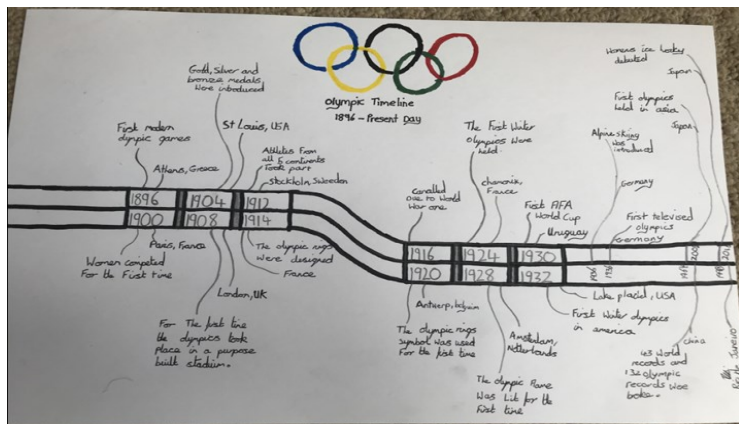
Last week for their Games work, our Year 9 students were asked to research the Olympics and any significant events that had taken place between the first Modern Day Games in 1896 to current day that had helped to shape the Olympics as we knew it. All of the pieces received were absolutely fantastic and some of the facts students had found out just evidenced how much time they had spent researching the topics. We were also very impressed with the creativity the students demonstrated using illustrations, animations and various layouts as shown with the featured work below. All students have received positive points for the excellent work they have produced. Well done to all those who submitted work!

Liam Shepherd

Modern Day Olympic Timeline



Max Collins



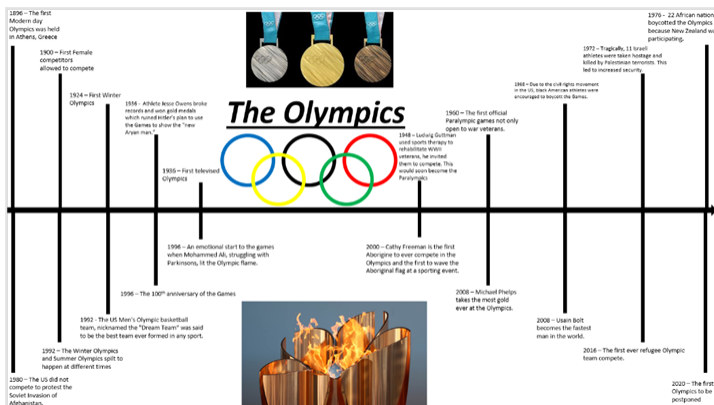
Amy Matthews



Joel Halstead



Jess Bristow



MR DJAELANI'S NEW WORKOUT CHALLENGE

Mr Djaelani has won five World Kickboxing Championships U80kg and is now a CrossFit enthusiast so our students and staff are getting top workouts!

FAMILY LEARNING RESOURCES - UNDER FITNESS RESOURCES



PAPER AEROPLANE COMPETITION



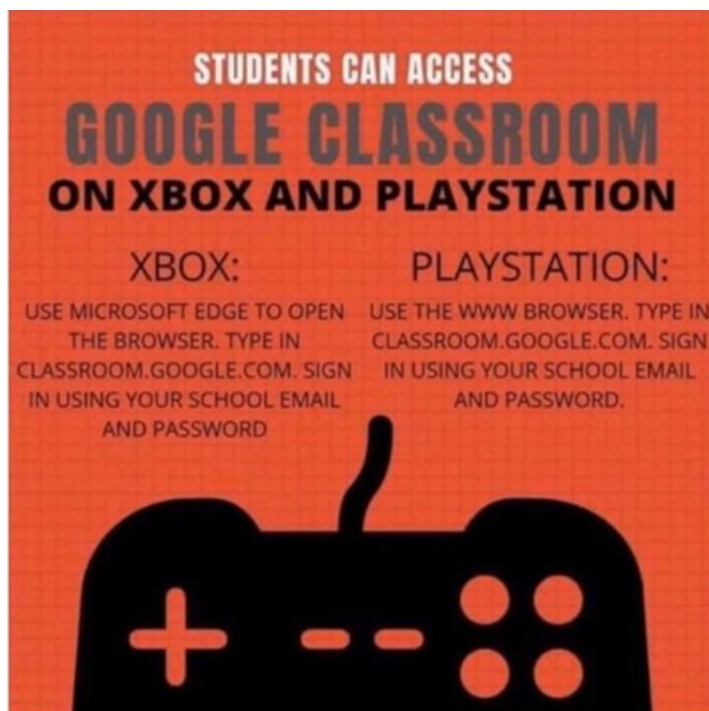
Our Keyworker students will be having a flying competition on Monday with their paper aeroplanes – good luck to them all!



GOOGLE CLASSROOM (AND MUCH MORE)



It is not just Google Classroom that you can access on Xbox and Playstation, but any website (including furzeplatt.com and Show My Homework). Give it a go!



MAIDENHEAD FOOD SHARE



As members of our community will be aware, Maidenhead Food Share supports local families struggling with some of the basics. Indeed, each Tuesday during lockdown food parcels are being dropped at Furze Platt Senior School so that they can be collected by families close to the school. While we appreciate that many families are struggling, should you feel able to support the Food Bank your donations would be appreciated.

Thank you.

MAIDENHEAD FOOD SHARE WEBSITE

REMINDERS



YEAR 11 PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER

All Year 11 students should have received an email from Mrs Bubb, with a link to a google form about their plans for September. We realise that students may well change their mind between now and September but it is important that they all complete the form now to show their current plans so we can offer support to any students who is still unsure about their options for next year. Please ask your son/daughter to check their emails and complete the form as soon as possible. If you, or your son/daughter have any questions about this, please email me on judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net

Thank you

Mrs J Bubb, Careers Leader

DANCE TUTORIALS

We were delighted to hear that Emily-Jane Shaw, FPSS Alumn, has set up an Instagram account (ejls_dance) where she posts weekly dance tutorials for children and adults who

are stuck at home and want to have some fun. The dances are for all ages and abilities, no dance training is required for any of the routines - however, some of the combinations are slightly more advanced for those who want a challenge! She aims to post three to four new dance routines a week, with a variety of songs and styles. In her Instagram account you can also find a link to her YouTube page.

INSTAGRAM: @EJLS_DANCE

YOUTUBE: EMILY-JANE SHAW

Emily-Jane will be the subject of our featured 'Day in the Life of' next week.

MAGIC AND STORYTELLING

Patrick Ashe - who staff and students remember not least for his fantastic leading performances in many of our school shows -

can currently be found presenting online Magic and Storytelling sessions for younger viewers with Norden Farm. The sessions feature a fun mix of magic, music, comedy and storytelling and are suitable for all ages 5+. Patrick, 20, is currently training with the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain and the Almeida Theatre and we wish him great success for the future.

PATRICK READS 'THE SMARTEST GIANT IN TOWN'

JOIN YEAR 11 ALUMNI

JOIN YEAR 13 ALUMNI

FRUIT FLAPJACKS

Ingredients

75g dried apricots
150g oats
50g sugar
50g butter or margarine
2 x 15ml spoons golden syrup

Equipment

Chopping board, knife, weighing scales, measuring spoons, saucepan, wooden spoon, spatula, non-stick baking tin, palette knife.

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180 oC or gas mark 4.
2. Chop the apricots into small pieces.
3. Place the butter or margarine, sugar and syrup into a saucepan and gently heat until the butter or margarine has melted.
4. Stir in the oats and apricots.
5. Pour the mixture into a non-stick (or lined) baking tin.
6. Pat down the mixture in the baking tin.
7. Bake for 15 - 20 minutes, until lightly browned.
8. Remove from the oven and cut into 'bars' in the baking tin while hot.

Top tips

- Vary the type of dried fruit used, e.g. sultanas, figs, mixed fruit.
- Add 1 x 5ml spoon cinnamon, ginger or mixed spice to the oat mixture.
- Go for grated fresh apple or carrot.
- The baking tin gets hot so remember to use oven gloves.

Skills

- Using the oven
- Claw grip
- Using the hob
- Combining/mixing
- Weighing
- Measuring



CLICK HERE FOR MORE PHOTOS OF STUDENTS' BAKING OUTCOMES



WHERE CAN I FIND SUPPORT ONLINE?



WWW.KOOTH.COM

Kooth offers free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. You can message a counsellor, read articles written by young people, get support on the moderated online discussion boards, set goals or write a journal to track how you're feeling. Kooth counsellors are available until 10pm every day.

childline
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK

CALL 0800 1111

ChildLine offers free, private and confidential service for children and young people 24/7. You can contact ChildLine by email, 1-2-1 counsellor chat or on the phone and talk to a counsellor about anything, no matter how small. Their website has loads of information and videos with advice and a moderated message board to write how you're feeling, share your experiences with other young people or ask a question. There's also an art box to express how you feel creatively.

YOUNG MINDS

WWW.YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK

Young Minds is the UK's leading charity fighting for young people's mental health. Their website has lots of information and advice. If you need urgent help for a mental health crisis you can text the Young Minds Crisis Messenger for free on major networks, 24/7.

Text YM to 85258



PREVENTION
OF YOUNG SUICIDE

WWW.PAPYRUS-UK.ORG

CALL 0800 068 4141

Papyrus is the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. Their website has lots of information and advice. You can call their Hopeline on 0800 068 4141 9am-10pm on weekdays and 2pm-10pm at weekends and back holidays for confidential support and advice if you are experiencing thoughts of suicide or if you're concerned about another young person.



WWW.ON-MY-MIND.INFO

On My Mind aims to empower young people to make informed choices about their mental health and wellbeing. It includes:

Ideas for self care / How you can help a friend

Understanding referrals / What to expect when working with a service

Jargon busters

shout
for support in a crisis

GIVE.US.A.SHOUT.ORG

Text SHOUT to 85258

Shout is a 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.

Cont. on page 20



CALL 116 123

Samaritans offers a free, 24/7 one to one helpline for anyone with any problem, no matter how small. You can also email jo@samaritans.org (response time 24 hours) .

www.samaritans.org

FREE APPS YOU CAN DOWNLOAD

Here are some reputable, free apps that you might find helpful to download:



Smiling Mind is a mindfulness and meditation app to support emotional wellbeing. You can tailor the app to your age. It has features to help you to study and to sleep



Clear Fear is designed to help young people to understand and manage anxious thoughts and develop strategies to help.



Calm Harm is an award winning app designed to help young people to understand and manage the urge to self harm and develop strategies to help.

If you're feeling anxious about Coronavirus, here's some great information with some ideas to help you:

CORONAVIRUS HELP

TRIPLE P PARENTING WEBSITE

Parents who need support can visit the Triple P parenting website, which has lots of helpful videos, blogs etc for anyone finding lockdown difficult with their children.

PARENTING THROUGH COVID

STAY SAFE

In the meantime, please look after yourselves, your loved ones and the wider community by taking the steps below and following advice from Public Health England.

GOVERNMENT WEBSITE- PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND



TEACH MAIDENHEAD



Interested in training to teach?

Teach Maidenhead are continuing our recruitment campaign for September 2020 in many subjects.

If you are passionate about working with young people and enriching their lives, then why not consider a career in teaching?

Imagine how you could develop their knowledge of the fascinating worlds of science, arts, technology, languages or humanities when you become an inspiring teacher.

Our introduction of remote interviewing allows us to provide a safe way to meet you and see your potential.

Information on the courses available can be found at:
www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk

[Find further advice for prospective applicants here on the Get into Teaching website.](#)

In partnership with the
Institute of Education



@TeachMaidenhead

FIND FURTHER ADVICE FOR PROSPECTIVE APPLICATIONS HERE ON THE 'GET INTO TEACHING' WEBSITE

Graduate PE Assistant – to start September or sooner

Full time, 37 hours a week – 8.30am to 4.30pm (including half hour unpaid break)

Monday to Friday, term time only

Actual salary range £17,700-£18,450 pa depending on experience

Are you a keen sports player with experience of coaching young people? We are looking for a dynamic individual to join our thriving PE department and immerse themselves in all aspects of sporting life in school. You would be responsible for coaching individuals and groups within PE lessons as well as planning for and coaching at extra-curricular sports clubs for all students. Organising home and away sports fixtures, using social media to communicate sporting success and getting involved in day to day departmental activities are important parts of this role. Taking ownership for researching and securing funding to finance extra-curricular activities as well as developing and sourcing new links with schools and local sports clubs are also key.

We are looking for a team player who enjoys working with minimum supervision, using their initiative and who might be interested in joining our teacher training programme in the future. For further information and an application form please refer to the vacancies section of 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.

CURRENT VACANCIES





CALLING ALL BUDDING WILDLIFE FILMMAKERS!

Wild Maidenhead and WildCookham are pleased to present LookWild! - a fun wildlife filmmaking competition to encourage local families and people of all ages to make films about the wildlife around our homes and gardens.

The competition runs from right now up until Saturday 16th May.

The theme is 'moving'.

Please see the guidelines document [here](#) to get involved! We are very lucky to have professional advice from wildlife filmmaker Rob Evans who will be giving guidance to those registered how to go about making a film.

So even if you have never done this before please register and have a go.

LOOKWILD GUIDELINES

WILD ABOUT GARDENS AWARDS



**AWARDS
FOR WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY
GARDENS**

Do you try to help wildlife like bees, butterflies, birds or hedgehogs in your garden? You could be awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate in the new

Wild About Gardens Awards

+

24 different garden features qualify!

+

Launches 29th March | Closes 31st July

+

Enter online at
www.wildmaidenhead.org.uk/waga