

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Ofsted

We had the pleasure of welcoming Ofsted to FPSS this Wednesday and Thursday. While an inspection is never the most relaxing experience, it did enable our staff and students to showcase FPSS. I would like to thank our staff for all their efforts and praise our students who were highly regarded by the Lead Inspector.



We also appreciate all the positive comments parents and carers made in response to the Parent Survey, as well as the various biscuits, cakes and chocolates delivered to help see us through the experience. It really was the FPSS community working together.

I am unable to share the outcome until the letter/report is published which should take a few weeks.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

If information for any of our upcoming events changes due to the current situation, full details will be sent out to parents and carers.

Next week (week 2)

Forthcoming Events

MON 22 NOVEMBER	INSET Day - school closed for all year groups	<i>All Day</i>
THU 25 NOVEMBER	Sixth Form Open Evening	6pm - 9pm
FRI 26 NOVEMBER	Late Start 9.15am	
TUES 30 NOVEMBER	Careers and Higher Education Fair	6pm - 8pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22

Sixth Form Open Evening

A reminder that on Thursday 25th November we will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 students from FPSS and other schools to look around what we have to offer. Please spread the word and ensure the date is in your diary.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2021



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THURSDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
6PM - 9PM



TikTok

Following my letter on Monday highlighting the abuse teachers are receiving across the country on TikTok, I would also like to thank parents and carers for their supportive messages and gifts to ensure they know FPSS staff are valued.

INSET Day Monday 22nd November

School will be closed for all year groups on Monday. We look forward to seeing students on Tuesday after their break.

Take care,

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



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR FOR YEARS 9 TO 13

Tuesday 30th November, 6pm - 8pm

Our Careers and Higher Education Fair is for students in Years 9 to 13 and their parents and will take place on Tuesday 30th November from 6pm - 8pm at school in the Theatre and the Main Hall.

It promises to be a very good event, giving students a fantastic opportunity to find out about higher education and a wide variety of careers, and meet and talk to people from the world of work.

Further details and a final programme will be given nearer the time.

We look forward to seeing as many students and parents here as possible.

Mrs J Bubb, Careers Leader Judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net



INVITATIONS TO CLUBS

Please note:

- ◆ No clubs on Monday due to INSET Day
- ◆ All bookings for this term (November - Christmas holidays 2021) must be made through the original email invitation (sent out on Friday 22nd October)

[LINK TO NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS LIST](#)

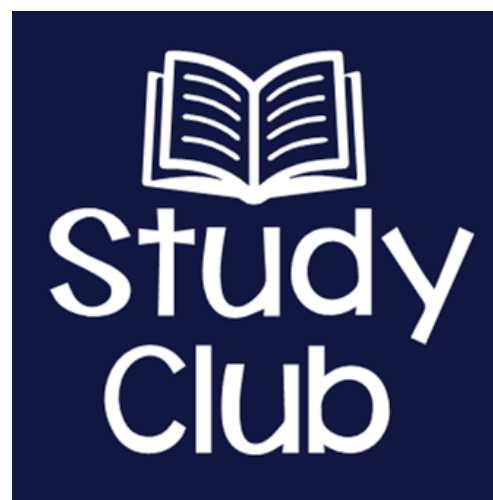
SUPERVISED STUDY CLUB

Would your child like a quiet space to work? Do they need support with their home learning?

Supervised Study runs each day after school from 3.15 to 4.30pm in E6 (English Computer Room).

Parents / carers should book Study Club for the day of their choosing via the email headed Term 2 Academic Support Clinics; there is space for 20 students each afternoon.

Any questions, please contact Miss S Gorton, Learning Mentor at: sophie.gorton@furzeplatt.net



We are recruiting!



DUE TO EXPANSION AND PROMOTION WE ARE LOOKING TO ADD THE FOLLOWING KEY ROLES:

- ◆ [SCHOOL ESTATE MANAGER](#)
- ◆ [RECEPTIONIST](#)
- ◆ [EXAMS INVIGILATORS](#)
- ◆ [LUNCHTIME CONTROLLER](#)
- ◆ [CLEANERS](#)
- ◆ [CASUAL THEATRE TECHNICIANS](#)

**WANT
TO WORK
WITH US?**

For more details on these exciting opportunities please see our vacancies page or read on for more about us.

Furze Platt is an exciting school to work in, and this is an exciting time to join us on our journey. I hope that the information on these pages inspires you to apply to work with us.

With best wishes,

Dr A Morrison
Headteacher

CLICK HERE FOR ALL CURRENT VACANCIES

WORKING AT FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL



Furze Platt is an extremely rewarding school in which to work. Our successful school is a happy, safe and caring learning community where achievement is promoted, potential realised and young people flourish.

We have over 200 caring, committed and good humoured teaching and support staff, together with a diverse student body of over 1400 students, who come to school ready to learn and who are supportive of the school's policies and procedures.

Our student body is taken from Maidenhead and from other parts of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. Whilst overall the area is affluent, ours is a true comprehensive school, with students from all social, economic and ethnic backgrounds. The school is popular and well regarded in the local community. The achievement of most students is good or better and has been significantly above national averages with both girls and boys making significantly better progress than children nationally.

We have excellent ICT facilities, with all departments having either a separate ICT suite or large numbers of laptops for student use. Our VLE ('FP Online') is first class, and enables staff and students to collaborate simultaneously over the Google 'cloud.' All teaching staff have their own school laptop.

We also believe passionately in music, drama, the arts and sport, and have excellent facilities to support these. In particular, a fantastic Theatre, state of the art English and Science classrooms, Dance studio and two superb Drama studios; while our Music department has been completely redesigned, and now houses a professional recording studio, practice rooms and classrooms. Students and staff have access to our inspirational Leisure Centre with its varied range of fitness equipment.

We have a strong team of teaching staff and are committed to developing our teaching still further, and thus to ensure that even more students reach their full potential. To this end, we invest heavily in teachers' professional development. In addition to twilight staff development time and teaching and learning-focused INSET days, staff are encouraged to join working parties focusing on aspects of pedagogy and benefit from staff coaching.

Where appropriate, staff attend external courses, and we encourage staff to visit other schools to see examples of best practice.

Staff and students work together at Furze Platt to achieve high standards and excellent outcomes - join us!

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

Our new Sixth Form Prospectus will be available to download from our website after Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday.



SPORTING STUDENTS SHOWING ACHIEVE VALUES

Year 7 Rugby Tournament

Well done to the following students whose attitude and sports performances this week were excellent – really showcasing all of the school's ACHIEVE values, whilst at the same time, having a very successful set of results (winning 3 and drawing 1 out of a total of 6 matches). They showed phenomenal team spirit and passion all day long and have represented Furze Platt superbly in front of over 20 other schools!

James Maher

James Balfe

Tyler Magreehan

Tyler Lovett

Oliver Murray

Mac Parris

George Kinder

Jenson Jones

Luke Hodges

Will Rees

Alfie Jackson-Coomes

Blake Cockram

Daniel Sturgess



MOVE HAPPY FITNESS

Move Happy Fitness offers small, supportive fitness classes and personal training in Maidenhead for women for all abilities, as well as Yoga courses for kids.

We focus on reaching your goals by moving in tune with your body, finding what feels good, and keeping exercise simple, happy and human.

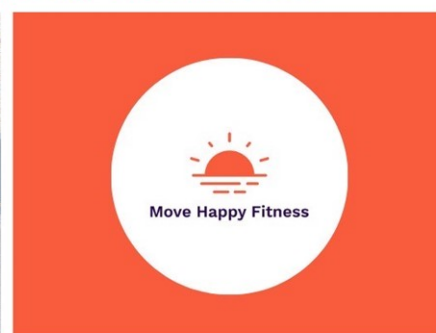
www.movehappyfitness.co.uk



SATURDAY SWEAT

8.30 - 9.00 HIIT

9.00 - 9.45am Cardio Kettlebells





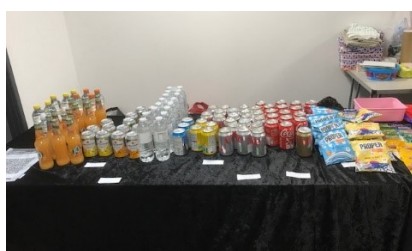
YOUR PTFA AND 4 VOLUNTEERS DID IT! 2 EVENTS COVERED IN THE SAME WEEKEND - IT WAS A HEAVY WORKLOAD! NOW IT'S TIME FOR 'WWW', 'EBI' & 'NS'



A massive thank you to everyone who came to the Big Quiz 10 and Dinner last Friday. It was a great success and early indications suggest a profit over £900. The Skool Daze themed quiz was written and presented by our parents Hugh, Gareth and John. The timetable consisted of witty questions in Media Studies, PSHE, History, Art, Music, Geography and English with behaviour points being awarded for Ready to Learn Rules met and correct answers. Lunch was a sumptuous feast of Poulet Chasseur, Mediterranean paella and dessert, washed down with a variety of drinks from the bar. Here's a few photos from Andrea and Gareth to whet your appetite for next year's Quiz. Check out the winning team wearing the coveted Golden Jacket! We'd love to hear your feedback regarding **What Went Well** and **Even Better If** so we can take the **Next Step** to organise another brilliant Quiz night, so email us: ptfa@furzeplatt.net



The second event was held on Sunday in our Theatre. We created our first Tuck Shop and Refreshment stand for PQA Windsor's performers and audiences. We had a very fast paced day and We Now Know (**WINK**) Theatre Staff are necessary. Please get in touch to run these for future bookings.



We really appreciate your feedback and welcome comments and ideas by email ptfa@furzeplatt.net or through our Facebook Page [facebook.com/fpsptfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa)