

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #67.3

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Welcome Evening

On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of meeting parents and carers of the current Year 6 students who will be joining us in September. The purpose of the evening was to share all those bits of information needed as you join FPSS.

We look forward to welcoming the

Year 6 students on Tuesday 5^{th} and Wednesday 6^{th} July for their Transition Days.

Year 7 Parents Evenings

It hardly seems that a year has passed since we met our current Year 7 students. We are in the midst of Year 7 Parents Evenings, and I would like to thank parents and carers for all the positive messages staff have received. I hope that the evenings helped summarise your child's strengths, as well as identify areas for development.

Greenpower

As you will see from this newsletter, our Greenpower Team had a fantastic time last weekend racing our car around Goodwood. I would like to congratulate the team on their efforts, as well as thank all the staff who supported the trip and club each week.

Examinations Start Next Week!

Good luck to all our students who begin their examinations next week.

Take care,

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





UPCOMING EVENTS

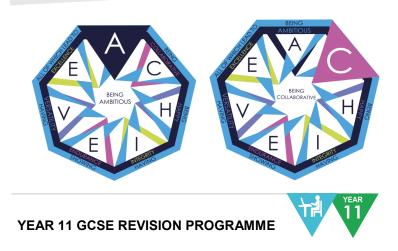
Next week (Week 2)

4.30pm -7.00pm

Forthcoming Events & upcoming INSET Days

FRI 27 MAY	END OF TERM (TERM 5)	3.15pm finish
MON 30 - FRI 3 MAY JUNE	MAY HOLIDAY	
MON 6 JUNE	START OF TERM 6 (Week 2)	
THU 23	INSET DAY - School will be closed for all	
JUNE	year groups but open for exam students	
FRI 1 JULY	INSET DAY - School will be closed for all year groups	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/22 & 2022/2023



Please see the attached letter and revision programme for Year 11 GCSE students and parents from Mr James Dollery, Assistant Headteacher, with important information.

YEAR 11 EXAMS AND REVISION LETTER

GCSE REVISION PROGRAMME 2022

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



Fundraising Event – Thursday 14th July

Please put Thursday 14th July at 7.30pm in your diaries as we have a fundraising concert at the School in our new Theatre. Maidenhead Concert Band (our local community band) who rehearse at the school will be performing together with our own Students and Staff for a fun toe tapping evening with a great variety of live music. This is a real community event and it would be fantastic to make this a sell-out.



TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE

Or via the QR code here:





We do need support with Silent Auction and Raffle prizes and if you can help please bring any donations into Main Reception or contact the school's Marketing Manager Catherine Johnstone: <u>catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net</u>.

Our wonderful PTFA will also be running a bar that evening and would also appreciate any help that can be offered, they can be contacted at: <u>ptfa@furzeplatt.net</u>

It is heart-warming to hear of the generosity of others and how Ukrainian families have been welcomed into our community. We now have our first Ukrainian students at Furze Platt and they finally have a safe haven having had to leave their homes and loved ones behind. It is difficult for us to imagine what these families may have been through and also humbling to see how generous and welcoming our community can be. We hope that these families can in some way start to rebuild their lives and that our new students enjoy and make the most of the opportunities our school has to offer.

Finally, on behalf of governors I would like to wish all our students taking exams this summer the very best. We appreciate that the last couple of years have been difficult for them and hope that they achieve the results they deserve and that enables them to take their next important step in life.

EARLY BREAK TIMES FOR ALL STUDENTS



Due to exams, second break times will be moved to 12.45am – 1.15pm from Monday 16th May through to Thursday 23rd June. Please note 23rd June is an INSET day but school will be open for students taking exams that day.

YEAR 7S PARENTS AND CARERS EVENING



THURSDAY 19TH MAY 4.30-7PM

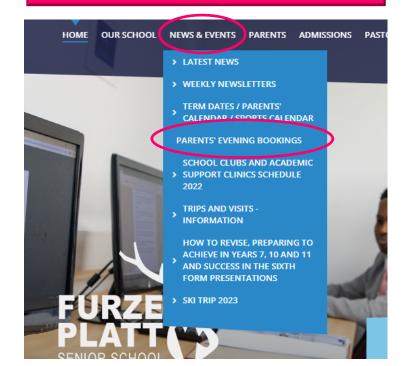
On Thursday 19th May there will be a consultation evening for Year 7S parents and carers which will be held virtually. We encourage students to be present for these meetings also.

To identify if your child is in F, P or S band please look at their timetable either in their planner or on Go4Schools.

Appointment slots will be available to book from 6:00pm this evening. We advise you to book as soon as possible as appointments are likely to book up quickly.

Appointments are booked online and are available from 4.30pm until 7.00pm. To book, and for full instructions, either follow the link below or go to the Parents' Evening Bookings link under 'News & Events' on the school website.

PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS



Guidance on how to use our virtual parents evening system can be found below.

Please ensure you read the below guide as this system works very differently to other platforms such as Zoom. You will need to log into the Parents' Evening booking system on the night in order to access your appointments.

We would advise using a desktop or laptop for your appointment and to use Wi-Fi rather than mobile phone data. This guidance includes information on how parents/ carers can join from two different locations if required, please note in order to do this the parent booking the appointments is the only person who has the ability to invite another parent to the appointment.

HOW TO ATTEND APPOINTMENTS OVER VIDEO CALL

If you are unable to attend the consultation via video call, please let us know in the booking system comments section and we will arrange a time to contact you by phone about your child's progress.

We always have a member of our Senior Leadership Team available should you have any additional questions or concerns you wish to raise. In order to continue to provide you with that opportunity during virtual meetings, one of the Senior Team will be on Zoom for the duration of Parents Evening.

Should you wish to speak to them between 4.30pm and 7.00pm, please follow the link:

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

Meeting ID: 835 1279 0768

Passcode: 0tk547

This link is only if you wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, it will not take you to your child's teachers.

Having started Zoom, you will then go into the Waiting Room and will be admitted as soon as possible. Please note that there may be a few minutes wait while in the Waiting Room as there may already be another parent present (only one set of parents will be 'admitted' at any time).

If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01628 625308.

Mrs Sarah Crisford

Assistant Headteacher (Student Support)



'The school is rightly proud of its extra-curricular provision.'

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YEAR 11 EVENTS



Prom: Thursday 30th June 2022, 7.00pm - 10.30pm

Our Year 11 Prom will be at the Riverside Marquee, Bray SL6 2ED on Thursday 30th June between 7pm and 10.30pm. The event is formal attire. Tickets cost £35 and this includes a buffet, DJ, photographer and a photobooth, kindly sponsored by the PTFA. Students should wear formal attire and bring cash to purchase soft drinks on the evening. If your son/daughter has any food allergies we need to be aware of, please note them on the form here:

FOOD ALLERGIES FORM

Tickets are available to book via your ParentMail account (Payments - Shop), please book as soon as possible to secure your son/daughter's place. Tickets will be available until Friday 27th May.

We are delighted to invite all our Year 11 students - some of whom have had three challenging GCSE years - but would like to remind you that the invite is based on ongoing positive behaviour and attendance in school.

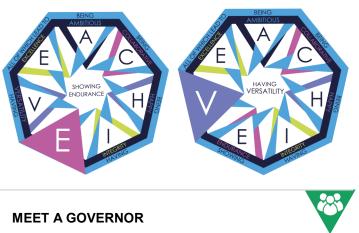
If you are concerned about the cost of the ticket and facing financial difficulties, please contact Mrs Crisford to discuss at <u>sarah.crisford@furzeplatt.net</u>.

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Graduation: Wednesday 29th June 2022 between 4.00 -6.00 pm

Our formal Graduation Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 29th June at 4.00pm, to which you are warmly invited. Please indicate if you can attend the event and the number of seats required via your ParentMail account (Payments - Shop) by Friday 27th May.





There is no charge for this event.

On the day of the Graduation event students should come to school between 3.15pm and 3.30pm in full smart uniform. Students are expected to return any outstanding textbooks or revision resources that they have borrowed or wish to donate to the school. Students will meet their Head of House and change into their graduation gown.

Please note, parents should arrive from 3.45pm (not earlier) for the Graduation Ceremony.

There will be an opportunity after the event to take photographs with students in their formal graduation gowns.

Vetty Shervell - Parent Governor

I am married with a child at Furze Platt Senior School. I'm a qualified Trauma Operating Theatre Nurse, however due to an injury I went back to University and did a Business degree specialising in Human Resources and Law.



I have worked in the private sector in various Operational, project

management, training and managing large high performing teams.

I became a governor to help support my local school with any of the skills and abilities I have learnt through my time working in those roles. My interests are mostly focused on my sons' sports. I have a retired Greyhound and I love baking cupcakes.

Hoodies: Collection Tuesday 24th May 2022

If your son / daughter ordered a Leavers' Hoody, these will be available to collect on Tuesday 24th May from the Portacabin at 3.15pm.

We also welcome donations of good quality school uniform, PE kit or ties which should be placed in the PTFA boxes in our Main Reception area.

In the meantime, I would like to wish your child all the very best in their upcoming examinations.

Mrs Sarah Crisford Assistant Headteacher (Student Support)

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'Governors and leaders are ambitious for what pupils can achieve academically and how they can develop personally.'

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GREENPOWER AT GOODWOOD (2022)

Our FPSS Greenpower team took their race car, made from steel tubing and lightweight recycled polypropylene plastic, to Goodwood Race Circuit on Sunday. They competed against 115 other cars from across the country in two, 1.30hr races.

The team, consisting of students in Years 7-11, made an amazing start off the grid, taking 10 places on the starting straight. Sadly, an hour into the first race the car suffered electrical difficulties forcing an early retirement. Despite this set back the team pulled together amazingly and remained in high spirits. The group worked tirelessly to get the car ready in time for the second race. The end results saw FPSS finishing a respectable 82nd and 51st.

All the students involved thoroughly enjoyed the day and were in caught up in the magic of racing around Goodwood circuit in the blazing sunshine with Spitfires flying low overhead.





We are incredibly proud of the team and thank you also to Mrs Stimson, Mr Barrett and especially Mr Wright, our Greenpower Club Leader.

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The team: Deniz Akca Musa Ali Sparsh Bodade Orson Collins Ascanio Cuth Cayde De Silva Anna Donaldson Heidi Grant Luqman Jehangir

Danny Lawrence Amy-Jayne Macey Denis Senyurek Jaime Seris Sulaiman Zaman



GREENPOWER AT GOODWOOD (2002) 20 YEARS AGO!

A heartfelt thank you to Mark Gould for posting the following picture of our very first visit to Goodwood in 2002, featuring a 'rather lightweight plywood and correx car' – times have changed (thankfully!).





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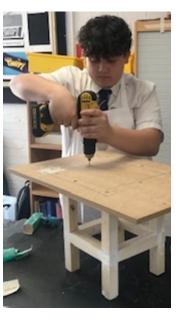
YEAR 10 CONSTRUCTION



Our Year 10 Construction class have built

and tiled tables, ready to take home. Well done to them all.





Pictured - Oliver Eason, Kye Bowden and James Parkinson.





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CRICKET CLUB



Year 8 cricket specialist Monty Lyall pictured leading a fielding warm up game for Year 7 students Alex Fennell and Jack Lampard during Tuesday night's cricket training.



5* STAR HYGIENE RATING FOR FURZE PLATT CAFÉ



Many congratulations to our fantastic colleagues in Furze Platt's café who are celebrating another 5* Food Hygiene rating!



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If you have any news items you wish to feature in our newsletter please email: media@furzeplatt.net

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INVITATIONS TO CLUBS FOR TERM 5

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations to attend clubs for their son/ daughter for next term. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address <u>evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk</u> and the links are safe for you to click on to confirm your child's attendance. If you have not yet received an email please check your junk / spam folders.

You may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc – you can do this from any of the club emails sent to you in two easy steps: 1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs 2. Click 'create account' button at the top of your screen.

Please note:

* all bookings for this term (May 2022) must be made through the original email invitation (sent out Friday 8th April); more clubs may be added to this invitation next term but all bookings need to be made through this email

* once in the list of clubs, click on the name of the club you wish to book, choose the dates and press confirm

* please do not duplicate club bookings per session

* students in upper years may see invitations to academic clubs that are not part of their specific academic programme; emails are sent to year groups so please only choose sessions that are appropriate to your son/daughter

* if your son or daughter wishes to be removed from a club, please email <u>catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net</u> and provide as much notice as possible to allow time for that place to be allocated to someone on the waiting list; if they cannot make one week they should let the club leader know.

Please note, Supervised Study will be in IT2 and IT3 during the GCSE exam period.

Every Friday afternoon the list of clubs for the following week is updated on our website here:

LINK TO NEXT WEEK'S CLUBS LIST



We use electricity from renewable sources and Furze Platt's very own Solar PVs:

- Solar panels on Maths block and English/Science block
- We generate approximately 9.5% of the electricity we use
- 100% of the schools electricity is from renewable sources



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Contact us

Email: <u>ptfa@furzeplatt.net</u> | Facebook: <u>facebook.com/</u> <u>fpssptfa</u> Website: <u>click here to access</u>

<u>GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE WITH THEIR</u> EXAMS - 'HANG IN THERE'!

Currently there are more than 1400 students enrolled at FPSS with hundreds of families reached by the PTFA via Newsletter, ParentMail and/or Facebook.

Can we increase our supporters in any of the below, please? 2 methods are totally cost free, albeit take just 3 minutes on the internet!

£600 won by 3 members 30th April.

No new supporters this quarter.

112 members in total - 9 new members and 1 annual renewal in the

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

138 purchases in April; 143 purchases in March; 76 purchases in

SUPPORT FPSS WITH AMAZON

159 supporters in total - £39.16 earned in the last 30 days.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Zero earned – potential to increase fundraising efforts by asking

during Theatre performances, Nearly New Uniform Sales, 200 Club

employers to match or contribute to an event, e.g. bar profits

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72 supporters in total - £43.47 earned this guarter.

As a slogan says "every little helps"...please follow the links below:

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sales.

200 CLUB

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MATCHED FUNDING SCHEME

easyfundraising feel good shopping



COMING UP...

PTFA MEETING INCORPORATING AGM

TUESDAY 28TH JUNE 2022 – 7.30-9PM

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE – JULY 2022 DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.

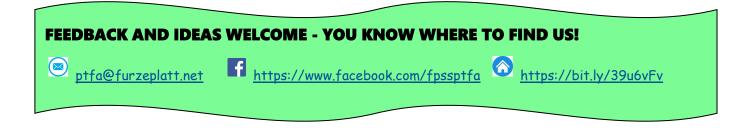
We are still accepting logo'd uniform via Main School Reception

200 CLUB DRAW – JULY 2022

Final draw of the academic year

QUIZ & BUFFET DINNER – AUTUMN 2022

Date and ticket info to follow



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Learning Support Assistants To start asap

Permanent, Part time, 30 hours a week, start time usually between 8.45/9.15am, finish time between 3.15/3.45pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only

Salary Scale 2c - Actual salary $\pounds13,900 - \pounds14,195$ pa (pay award pending) depending on experience

Furze Platt is a highly successful mixed comprehensive school serving the children of Maidenhead. At Furze Platt, 1400 students of all abilities develop the skills and qualities to enable them to excel in the future. We are a highly ambitious, high-achieving and fully inclusive school in which our students are challenged and supported to achieve excellence.

We are looking for enthusiastic and reliable individuals to join our core Learning Support team to provide targeted support to our students with Special Educational Needs, and our Shine team who support students with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).

You would be working under the direction of classroom teachers and, in line with any agreed special needs and other specialist plans, to provide support to individual students in the completion of a wide range of learning activities at all key stages. Supporting small groups of students for interventions and mentoring nominated students is also a part of this role. You will help students develop their social and communication skills and gain access to the curriculum by ensuring effective use of differentiated instructions and tasks provided by teachers.

We are looking for team players, who can communicate sensitively and confidently with staff, students and parents. This role would suit someone who is able to use their own initiative and who has strong organisational and time management skills. We would love to receive applications from anyone who is working with or has worked with students in a school setting and gained experience or knowledge of SEN (Special Educational Needs) or ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).

For further information about this role and to complete a **Support Staff Application Form** please refer to our school website <u>www.furzeplatt.com</u>. Application forms should be returned to <u>joanne.latham</u><u>brash@furzeplatt.net</u> Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Closing date: Monday 23rd May Interviews will take place as suitable applicants apply

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INTERNSHIPS



Are you an undergraduate who is interested in finding out how exciting it is to be a teacher of Maths, Physics or Computing?

Would you like to spend time in one of our five impressive partnership schools in Maidenhead?

Would you like the prospect of shadowing a teacher, a student and sharing your experiences with others also keen on

pursuing a teaching career?

Would you like the opportunity to speak with a newly qualified teacher about their first year in school?

Then please read on

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Interested in training to teach?



is now recruiting for September 2022 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.

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

Find further advice for prospective applicants on the Get into Teaching website.

To apply for teacher training Click Here

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Cookham Nursery School Station Hill Cookham, Berks SL6 9BT Telephone 01628 520002 Email: cookhamnursery@eyfed.org.uk Website: www.nurservfederation.co.uk

Early Years Apprentice – Full time position, 37 hours per week, term time only plus Inset days Start date - September 2022

Salary – National Minimum Wage dependent on age

This is an exciting opportunity to work with young children, aged 3 & 4 years, whilst gaining valuable experience and a recognised Level 3 childcare qualification.

We welcome visits to the setting; these can be arranged by contacting the school office by email on cookhamnursery@eyfed.org.uk. For application packs please also email or telephone the school.

Cookham Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our children. All appointments will be subject to a full DBS check and satisfactory references.

Closing date for applications: Monday 6 June 2022 Interviews: Thursday 9 June 2022

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Taplow Youth Choir

Looking for new members for September 2022

Website: www.taplowchoirs.org.uk

BOYS: Where voices are changing, members may be admitted from Year 9 upwards, as alto, tenor or bass singers.

GIRLS: Girls are admitted from Year 11 upwards.



Rehearsals



You are very welcome to visit a rehearsal on any of the following dates: 14th May, 28th May, 11th June

We meet at Taplow Village Centre, Rectory Road, Taplow SL6 OET from 4.30-7.00 pm

For more information, or for an application form contact Gillian Dibden, the choir's Director, on 07799 413746 or email gillan.dibden@gmail.com



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Taplow Girls' Choir

Looking for new members for September 2022

Open to students in school years 5 to 10 Website: www.taplowchoirs.org.uk

Taplow Girls' Choir meets on alternate Saturday afternoons from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. Rehearsals are held in the delightful setting of Taplow Village – in the Village Centre on the Green (SL6 OET).



Open Rehearsals

You are very welcome to visit a rehearsal on any of the following dates: 14th May, 28th May, 11th June

For more information, or for an application form contact Gillian Dibden, the choir's Director, on 07799 413746 or email gillan.dibden@gmail.com



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Mondays Band Camp, 9.30am Oaken Grove

Fridays Kettlebells Basics, 9.20am Oaken Grove

Saturdays HIIT 8.30am Cardio Kettlebells 9am Furze Platt Senior School

> Drop in from £8 Online Booking required



OUTDOOR CLASSES





Cale is passionate about the well-being of young people. Her mission is to help them to enjoy and explore the world around them, and also have them realise their own agency and the contribution they can make.

An experienced yoga instructor and school teacher, she has spent over 10 years in education. Gale has worked with children from age 3 to 18 years both in and out of schools, in the UK, Ghana, Romania and New Zealand. She is also a certified children's mindfulness teacher.



Wednesdays, Term time 7.30pm - 8.30pm St Edmund Campion Parish Centre, Altwood Road, Maidenhead





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• Supporting physical development by

- Supporting physical development by increasing flexibility and strength
- Helping to build emotional and mental resilience
- Breath work and other techniques to increase energy and decrease anxiety and stress
- A non competitive and fun environment
- Opportunity to get active, connect and engage with others, as well as step away from technology for a time
- A route to rediscover and reconnect with what it is to enjoy movement and activity

DETAILS AND BOOKING https://www.movehappyfitness.co.uk/ki ds-yoga

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Questions?

Contact: Nicola Porter nicolamaryporter@gmail.com Phone: 07709 164778 www.movehappyfitness.co.uk @movehappyfitness

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There is somehow already another Half Term on the way!

Live and ready to book, our ever popular Holiday Activity Days for 8-12s, and Holiday

Activity Day + for 12-16s are only just starting to fill up.

Both are a full day of four adventurous activities, 9am-5pm, with lunch included for just £50. You can book online here - $\frac{8-12}{12-16}$.

Please note that these will include water activities so the young people need to be comfortable around water.

We have also added After School Kayaking courses, as well as some weekend dates

Please click on the links above for more details.

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CURRENTLY RECRUITING TALENTED & COMMITTED PLAYERS TO COMPETE NATIONALLY

OPEN PLAYER TRIALS FOR 2022 / 23 SEASON

MAY 2022 WEDNESDAY 6PM - 7PM [u9 | u10 | u11] THURSDAY 6PM - 8PM [u13 | u14 | u15] *Magnolia Park*

Valley Road, High Wycombe HP14 4LA

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