



# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

End of Term Newsletter - Issue #69



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents / Carers

### End of Term

We ended the Autumn term with our traditional assembly celebrating students' many successes. Our students' commitments to their studies were highlighted, as well as contributions beyond the classroom. Congratulations to all those nominated (nominations start on page 8 of this newsletter).



As term ends, we can look back at a few months where much has happened. We have relaunched the Tutor and House system with new ties, songs, mascots and logos. House events are once more to the fore as the House Tag Rugby, Football, Quiz and Talent Show bear witness. Beyond the classroom, we continue to offer a multitude of clubs, visits and activities - including our fantastic Christmas Concert - that enable students to find their passions and pursue their interests. Please do sign your sons and daughters up for any clubs that interest them; emails have gone out today with next term's choices.

Academically, we have celebrated the successes of 2022 examination results, as well as prepared via PPEs and lessons for next year. Our Laptop for Learning scheme has been introduced with Year 7 and 10 students utilising their laptops to assist learning. I am continually impressed by students sharing great ideas, amazing pieces of work and demonstrating newfound skills.

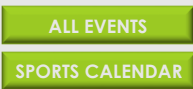
Thank you to all students, staff, parents and carers who have given so much to support FPSS this Autumn Term, but also throughout 2022. Your contributions are most welcome and much appreciated.

### House Talent Show

On Tuesday I had the delight of judging the House Talent Show. There were a huge range of acts including singing, magic, comedy, pogoing, karate, bands and piano playing. It truly showed a variety of FPSS talent and entertained a



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### TERM 3 EVENTS

WED 4 JANUARY	START OF TERM 3 (WEEK 1)	
THU 19 JANUARY	Year 9 Parents' and Students' Virtual Consultation Evening	3.45pm - 7.45pm
WED 25 JANUARY	Year 11 & 13 Photographs	
THU 26 JANUARY	Year 9 Options Evening	6pm - 8.30pm
FRI 27 JANUARY	Late Start	9.15am
MON 6 - THU 9 FEBRUARY	School Musical	
FRI 10 FEBRUARY	END OF TERM (TERM 3)	3.15pm finish
MON 13 - FRI 17 FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS	
MON 20 FEBRUARY	START OF TERM 4 (Week 1)	

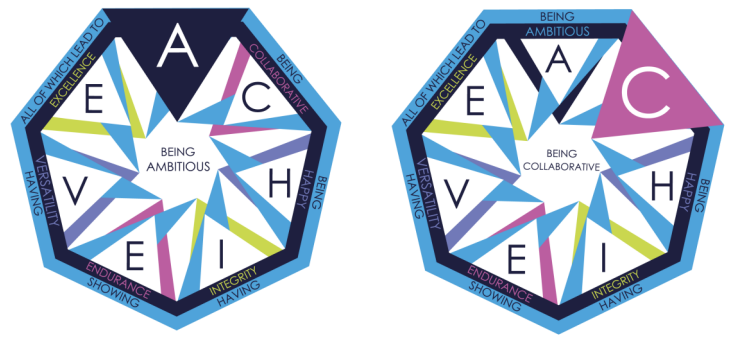
## SCHOOL TERM DATES



large audience. Many congratulations to all those who took part and won points for their Houses, particularly Sabrina Lee from Osprey House, who was awarded first place and whose skill on the piano was exceptional. Over £50 was raised on the door for our winner Sabrina's House charity,

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Rosie's Rainbow Fund. Thanks also to my fellow judges Kate Kalinowski, Head of Performing Arts at FPSS, and Wayne Dixon from Christian Connections in Schools. Pictured with the judges are our top four winners: Sabrina Lee (piano), Kate Lee (martial arts display, both Year 12), Albie Cozens (pogo stick) and Younes Saidoni (magician, both Year 7).



## Farewells

The end of every term sadly sees the departure of some colleagues. This December we say goodbye to Lynne Moore (Head of Operations) and Lorraine Christie (Computing) as they head into retirement. We also say farewell to Sarah Jebb (Shine and Learning Support) and Sarah Crisford (Transition and Technology) who are moving schools. All four have made huge contributions to FPSS and will leave a legacy. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing them every success in the future.

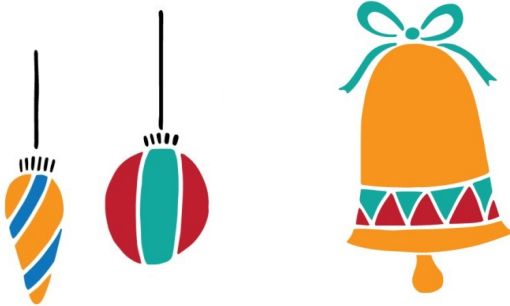
## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Lastly, I would simply like to wish you and your families a fantastic break. I hope that you all have the opportunity for some fun and relaxation.

We look forward to welcoming students back to FPSS on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Take care,

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



## YEAR 7 AND 8 REPORTS



The above reports have now been issued and are available online via Go4Schools or our website through the 'Online Reporting' link. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

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## INVITATIONS TO CLUBS FOR JANUARY

### NEW CLUBS NEXT TERM:

- **PE - Football, Handball, Table Tennis**
- **IT & Computing - Girls in STEM (Computing)**
- **Art - Photography Coursework Support Clinic**

Parents and carers of students in all year groups have been sent new clubs lists today via the EVOLVE email system for their son / daughter for next term (January to February half term). The email will be headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address [evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk](mailto:evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk) and the links are safe for you to click on to confirm your child's attendance. If you do not receive an email please check your junk/spam.

My EVOLVE - Parents and carers may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc. You can do this from the club or academic support clinic emails sent to you in two easy steps:

1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs/clinics
2. Click 'create account' button.

Please note:

\* all bookings for Term 3 must be made through the original email invitations (sent out on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December)

\* once in the list of clubs or academic support clinics, click

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on the name of the activity or session you wish to book and press confirm

\* 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 relevant to your son/daughter

A list of clubs is updated every Friday afternoon on our website here:

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM MFL

As part of a recent joint project, 150 Year 8 & 9 Modern Foreign Language (MFL) students studying French have sent Christmas greetings to their counterparts in a school located near to Lille. We are awaiting responses back and (postal strike permitting!) hope to enjoy reading our post from France in the New Year.

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!!

Mrs D Jack, Head of MFL



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Last week we celebrated our Christmas concert, a highlight of Furze Platt's festive season.



Well done to everyone who took part, especially Maryam Mohsin (Year 7), Danielle Beckley (Year 10), Jude Sanders (Year 8) and the great student led ensembles; a huge thank you to all those who supported the event,

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## SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS SCHEDULE 2023



## PHYSICS GENEVA TRIP MEETING THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 6.30PM

There is a meeting for Sixth Form students and their parents attending the Physics trip to Geneva in February 2023 which will be held in the Theatre on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm. Important information will be given out regarding the trip, and there will be the opportunity to ask any questions.

Please email [huw.curnow@furzeplatt.net](mailto:huw.curnow@furzeplatt.net) should you have any questions regarding this event.



including our amazing student led Tech Team for their invaluable assistance throughout the event, our Student Ensemble Leaders Anna Gambrill and Ciara Rainey (both Year 13), all staff (musical and not!) who worked tirelessly to make the evening a success and our wonderful PTFA who provided delicious refreshments, as well as our talented audience's enthusiastic renditions of Christmas songs.

We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Concert next year!

Mr S Forster and Mr M Swindell, Joint Lead Teachers of Music



The Performers:

- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Tilly Adaway             | Michael Lee-Thorp    |
| Erin Banks               | Rachel Lewis         |
| Mia Banks                | Callum Lloyd         |
| Danielle Beckley         | Sophie Lloyd         |
| Maddie Bristow           | Gus Locker-Marsh     |
| Eliza Cannon             | Oliver Lothingington |
| Holly Cannon             | Sophia Lowe          |
| Barbara Carmona Esquivel | George Lykov         |
| Sophia Carter            | Amy-Jayne Macey      |
| Mia Chopra               | Rhys Macey           |
| Anya Clayton             | Milly Magreehan      |
| Leonard Cory             | Summer Matthews      |
| Keith Cory               | Sophie McLachlan     |
| Finley Cozen             | Jaydee Mitchell      |
| Albie Cozens             | Maryam Mohsin        |
| Jennie Dawkes            | Sophia Mormech       |
| Elena Del Campo          | Noah Moss            |
| Megan Dewbury            | Alba Nicholls        |
| Grace Dixon              | Lexi Prendergast     |
| Abigail Downes           | Scarlett R Stevens   |
| Poppy Gethin             | Ciara Rainey         |
| Finley Giles             | Sam Reddy            |
| Heidi Grant              | Sara Rendon          |
| Alice Grayson            | Joshua Rowe          |
| Lola Greenwood           | Jude Sanders         |
| Tia Groom                | Livia Silva          |
| Lily Hatch               | Pippa Smith          |
| Daniya Hmeid             | Freya Stevenson      |
| Summer Holmden           | Annabelle Stratford  |
| Isabelle Holmes          | Elza Suiters         |
| Ava Hone-Smith           | Nathan Sullivan      |
| James Honiball           | Annabel Sweeney      |
| Jacob Hopson             | Finnley Tanner       |
| Holly Houlton            | Connor Webb          |
| Lizzie Johnstone         | Teddy Whitehead      |
| Poppy Jones              | Zara Wibberley       |
| Evie Joyce               |                      |
| Miley Ka                 |                      |



**YEAR 7 GIRLS' FUTSAL**

Many congratulations to our Year 7 Girls' football team who narrowly missed out on winning the Futsal tournament held at Bohunt School in Wokingham with an unlucky penalty shootout, having played brilliantly throughout. The girls showed great Furze Platt team spirit in all their games – well done to them.

**The team:**  
 Rosa Mullins  
 Alba Nicholls  
 Hannah Peck  
 Niamh Smith  
 Zara Wibberley  
 Zaina Ijaz  
 Isabella Keane  
 Sophia Mormech



**YEAR 7 BOYS' FUTSAL**

Well done also to our Year 7 Boys' football team who participated in the tournament at Bohunt School and finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 schools. Again, the boys showed great collaborative work attacking and defending, and were a credit to the school.

**The team:**  
 Will Hayward  
 Albert Henwood  
 Sean Turley  
 Harley Wood  
 Jack Admans  
 Jack Bushell  
 Harry Dale  
 Rupert Harding



**U16 BASKETBALL**



Congratulations to our U16 Basketball team who remain unbeaten all season!

**The team:**  
 Callum Brennan \* Arlo Challis \* Rashaad Derby \* Callum Lloyd \* Amaan Munir \* Reece Ovens \* Henrique Santos \* Chris Tagne \* Jayden Taylor \* Connor Webb



## ACTIVITIES AT ELIZABETH HOUSE, COOKHAM



Furze Platt students have been welcomed at Elizabeth House in Cookham for two recent events.

### ELIZABETH HOUSE (1) – DRAMA CLUB



Twenty-three students from Year 7 and 8 Drama Club visited Elizabeth House Residential Home in Cookham to perform 3 short pantomimes this week. Our students wrote the pantomimes themselves with the support of three Year 10 students, Alice Parsons, Matilda Stockdale, and Joel Wallace. They performed excellently, with great confidence and the residents were a great audience. Afterwards, the students and residents had conversations about performance and acting, with the residents reminiscing about pantomimes they had seen as children. It was a great afternoon and we felt very proud of our students and all the time they'd put in to making this performance a success. Well done to everyone in Drama Club!

Mrs M Milicevic, Drama Club Leader

#### Drama Club:

George Allan  
Poppy Gethin  
Chloe Henry  
Mia Hobden  
Charlie Hopper  
Yaniv Kader  
Harry Kwiatkowski  
James Lill Carrero  
Gus Locker-Marsh  
Abdur-Raheem Mahmood  
Ellie McCaffery  
Sian McCallion  
Harry Metcalfe  
Mataio Moreira  
Oscar Murdoch  
Amelie Ratcliffe-Varney  
Lillie-Mai Rawlings  
Lois Sellman  
Imogen Starkey  
Valeria Tarasov  
Harry Taylor  
Sofia Turzyniecka-Lipa  
William Wood



### ELIZABETH HOUSE (2) – SIXTH FORM CHRISTMAS VISIT

6<sup>th</sup>

Each year a group of Sixth Formers, supported by Mrs Pasa (Sixth Form Manager), visit Elizabeth House to help put up Christmas decorations. Students really enjoy this time away from school helping the community and in return, staff and residents love to see the decorations up.

#### Our Sixth Form team:

Isabelle Annereau  
Tilly Connolly  
Harriet Evans  
Jess Fraser  
Hannah Thomas



## NATIONAL YOUTH TRAINING CHOIR

By Anna Gambrill, Head Student, Year 13

'I was invited to apply as a member of the National Youth Training Choir of GB, and around 50 members were selected to make up a choir for this concert - 'My Orchestral Adventure'. This concert was part of the 'Christmas at the Albert Hall' programme and was all about getting young children into classical music. They followed a story of finding Santa and saving Christmas, accompanied by a professional orchestra and us, the choir. We came together as a choir for the first time on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, and after 3 rehearsals, performed on the stage of the Albert Hall two days later. It was a really enjoyable experience, particularly as the children loved it (many tried to climb on stage!). To bring together our pieces in such a short amount of time was incredible and I am so lucky to be a part of NYCGB.' (Pictured, Anna at the Royal Albert Hall)



## FURZE PLATT THEATRE

What would you like to see at Furze Platt Theatre?

We have a state-of-the-art theatre space at our school, and we're keen to hold more events outside school for people to enjoy – while also raising more funds for the school. So, what would you like to see?

Please click on the link to give us your feedback, so that we can plan more things for our community. This survey is anonymous and we greatly appreciate your help.

Thank you.

Mrs M Holden, Theatre Manager

### FURZE PLATT THEATRE EVENTS

## FURZE PLATT STUDENT LEADS LANTERN PARADE

George Overall, Year 10, has been volunteering at Norden Farm for his Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. We have received this lovely message from Norden Farm's Education Officer:

'Dear Miss Carty, I just wanted to drop you a line to say how impressed Norden Farm have been with your student, George Overall who has been volunteering with us to help with our Lantern Parade. George is always pleasant and hardworking and throws himself in to a variety of tasks with alacrity. He led our lantern parade this year (see attached image) and did a wonderful job, despite the cold!'

This is an excellent start to gaining the DofE Silver award. Well done George!

Miss D Carty

DofE Manager



## THANK YOU TO STUBBINGS GARDEN CENTRE

...for supplying our beautiful Christmas Trees!



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR INNOVATE CAFE

MESSAGE FROM INNOVATE CAFE

## HAWK HOUSE ARE OUR END OF TERM WINNERS



100,753 HP

99,609 HP

101,934 HP

98,524 HP

EAGLES

FALCONS

HAWKS

OSPREYS



## HEAD OF HOUSE STUDENT NOMINATIONS

A special mention to all of the students nominated below by their respective Heads of Houses. These students have been put forward for their positive attitudes and helpful behaviour, and contribute to a wide range of school activities.

### EAGLE HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

**Sophia Mills:-** Sophia has managed to accrue an impressive number of ACHIEVE points this term and has also been taking part in our new House challenges. She has thrown herself into the new House system and is more than doing her bit for the Eagles. Keep up the brilliant work Sophia!

**George Longvill:-** So far this term George has earned Eagle House a whopping 445 ACHIEVE points. His continuous ambition and collaboration as well as participating in extra-curricular activities has been vital in the success of Eagle House so far this term. Keep doing your bit for the Eagles George!

### FALCON HEAD OF HOUSE NOMINATIONS GO TO...

**Summer Matthews:-** Summer has been a great team player for Falcon House this term. It was great to see her getting involved in the House quiz and working collaboratively to help team Falcon win for Year 9. Alongside this she has been earning lots of ACHIEVE points for contributions around school. Keep up all the great work Summer!

**Lucas Bryant:-** Lucas has made a huge impact to the Falcon House this half term. He has achieved an amazing 525 ACHIEVE points so far! He has been incredibly active in the Falcon House community, becoming a House Captain and participating in competitions and challenges. I'm looking forward to more great ideas from Lucas next half term - keep up the great work!

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**HAWK HEAD  
OF HOUSE  
NOMINATIONS  
GO TO...**

**Hannah Thomas:-** Hannah has made a massive impact on the newly invigorated House system, earning a huge number of ACHIEVE points on Class Charts to position herself as the top earner for Hawk House Sixth Formers since September. She has also applied for and been selected as a House Captain - making great contributions to Hawk House decisions. Hannah also won the Hawk mascot competition so will have her creation forever associated with the House.

**Finley Cozens:-** Finley has collated a huge number of ACHIEVE points putting put him into the top 5 in Sixth Form since September. He has also applied and been selected as a House Captain as well as winning the Hawk logo competition. Great work Finley!

**HEAD OF PROGRESS STUDENT NOMINATIONS**



This term we asked the Heads of Progress to nominate two students per year group. A special mention to all of the students nominated below by their respective Heads of Progress.

**YEAR  
7**

**Eliza Cannon:-** Eliza is an ambitious and hardworking student who shows endurance and versatility in her lessons. Eliza's teachers have been impressed by her kind and helpful nature. Well done for such a successful first term at FPSS.

**Nikko Garcia:-** Nikko has had a wonderful start to FPSS and always displays the school's ACHIEVE values through his endurance and ambitious attitude in lessons. Well done for such a positive term.

**YEAR  
8**

**Amy-Jayne Macey:-** Amy-Jayne is an extremely hard working, committed and friendly student who is doing her best in all areas of school to uphold and work towards the ACHIEVE values. Amy-Jayne is always ambitiously contributing in class, collaborating with and helping other students in the classroom. Amy-Jayne is a true credit to Furze Platt Senior School.

**James Maher:-** James embodies the ACHIEVE values of Furze Platt. He works extremely hard in all subjects, whether he finds them challenging or otherwise. James collaborates well with all students, listening, discussing and working with all students around him.

**OSPREY HEAD  
OF HOUSE  
NOMINATIONS  
GO TO...**

**Aleesha Agha:-** Aleesha has made an outstanding start in her role as Year 13 Osprey House captain. Her drive and motivation allow her to lead and inspire confidence within the rest of her House captain team. Her determination to succeed is admirable and I look forward to seeing the other positive impacts she has on Osprey House in the future. Thank you Aleesha!

**Murphy Camp-Overy:-** Murphy has thrown himself wholeheartedly into the Osprey family. An eager to win attitude saw him participating in the Year 9 House quiz and his positive and enthusiastic contribution to House activities in form makes him a valuable asset. I can't wait to see what else he has to offer to Osprey House - keep up the fantastic work!

**YEAR  
9**

**Jigeesha Mamidala:-** Jigeesha is a quiet hardworking student who applies herself wholeheartedly to all her lessons. Everyone that has the pleasure of working with or near Jigeesha benefits from the positivity and energy she brings.

**Rocco Riley:-** Rocco is a well rounded energetic student who brings his hard work and humour to all his lessons and time at school. He is a pleasure to teach and works tirelessly as part of a team.

**YEAR  
10**

**Holly Bennett:-** Holly has an incredible 100% ACHIEVE points record since September. Her teachers describe her as a positive, hardworking, motivated student. A shining star for Year 10!

**Peter Calkin:-** A super student who goes about his day with integrity and focus, Peter can always be relied upon to put in incredible effort in class which has been rewarded with 100% ACHIEVE points since September. A true superstar for Year 10!

YEAR  
11

**Elisa Gjergo:-** Elisa has been a consistent, motivated and happy student throughout this term. Her teachers are consistently impressed with her approach to learning and her ambitious nature. She has started a challenging year in a strong position and I am sure this will prepare her fantastically well for her exams in the summer.

**Adiraj Deorukhkar:-** Adiraj has only recently joined Furze Platt and has done tremendously well, settling in quickly and showing an outstanding approach to learning across all of his subjects. He is showing the dedication and perseverance needed to be an accomplished learner in a potentially stressful year. Well done Adiraj - keep up the hard work.

YEAR  
12

**Isabelle Holmes:-** Issy has thrown herself into every opportunity since joining the Furze Platt Sixth Form in September. Having applied for many student leadership roles, she was appointed specifically as Year 12 Captain because of her enthusiasm, communication skills and strong understanding of the needs of her year group. She has consistently proven to be an outstanding ambassador for the school. She always greets her peers and teachers with a smile and brightens up the mornings in her form (6SO) with her encouragement and positive outlook, often rallying everyone for the fortnightly Taskmaster challenges. She was persuasive in her talk to guest parents and students at Sixth Form Open Evening and impressed many by her enthusiasm and aspirations.

**Dhyaa Al-Basri:-** Dhyaa has demonstrated a strong commitment to his A-Level studies so far, making excellent progress in all three of his subjects. His approach to learning in Maths has been acknowledged multiple times with additional reward points for collaboration and ambition over multiple lessons. Having joined FPSS from an international school, Dhyaa has fully embraced the Sixth Form and its ACHIEVE values, becoming the first Sixth Former to earn an Ambition badge.

YEAR  
13

**Hannah Thomas:-** Hannah is a consistently enthusiastic and happy legend within the Sixth Form that can always be counted upon. Found primarily within the Maths Department scrawling on whiteboards or mentoring younger students, Hannah has also put herself forward for each evening event this term and has done so with a smile on her face. Her study is to be applauded and offers a model example of how to approach A-Level exams. She is genuinely wonderful. Keep it up!

YEAR  
13

**Frank McGrath:-** Frank has impressed over the past year, managing to make excellent progress in his A-Levels whilst also competing in the All Ireland Cross Country championships against international athletes and scouting out exciting scholarship programmes in the USA. Despite all of this, Frank is humble and keeps his head to the ground, never showing off his success and always welcoming advice and support along the way. I look forward to hearing about more of Frank's successes over the course of the next year, both in the classroom and on the track.



## END OF TERM SUBJECT NOMINATIONS

### Art & Design Nominations



Year 7: Fifi Loveridge & Adam Qasir  
 Year 8: Eleanor Copping & Jaime Seris  
 Year 9: Amelie Cooper & Joe Challis  
 Year 10: Marina Brati & George Overall  
 Year 11: Florence Leo & George Terry  
 Year 12: Daisy Curno  
 Year 13: Anna Swift

### Photography Nominations



Year 10: Connie Butt & Peter Calkin  
 Year 11: Anna Donaldson & Ben Hearsey  
 Year 12: Ewelina Sobon  
 Year 13: Isabella Hedges

### Drama Nominations



Year 7: Valeria Tarasov & Albert Henwood  
 Year 8: Sophie Lloyd & Oliver Fennell  
 Year 9: Ruby Kielty & Leo Starkey  
 Year 10: Poppy Jones & Joel Wallace  
 Year 11: Talia Groszmann & Leonard Cory  
 Year 12: Lily Hatch  
 Year 13: Harriet Evans

### Physical Education Nominations



Year 7: Leah Banthorpe & Ethan Winton  
 Year 8: Tori Patton & Eryk Senkowski  
 Year 9: Megan Dewbury & Jack Coomes-Clarke  
 Year 10: Sophie McLachlan & Aston Smith  
 Year 11: Caitlin Bennett & Lucas Norton  
 Year 12: Amelia Bell  
 Year 13: Frank McGrath

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## Sports Studies Nominations

Year 12: Adleigh Webb  
Year 13: Isaak Palmer



## Further Maths Nominations

Year 12: Daniel Del Campo  
Year 13: Ho Man Yiu



## History and Government & Politics Nominations

Year 7: Hannah Louw & Mert Mutlu  
Year 8: Samrah Rashid & Kave Rafique  
Year 9: Summer Matthews & Connor Hollins  
Year 10: Jaya Bansie & James Wilkinson  
Year 11: Elisa Gjergo & Luka Wilson  
Year 12: Louis Bello  
Year 13: Daizy Clifton



## Statistics Nominations

Year 10: Divhyadharshini Vishnukumar  
& Thomas Atkinson  
Year 11: Tori Appleton & John Hern



## Geography Nominations

Year 7: Ashwini Verma & Ben Piotrowicz  
Year 8: Elisabeth Madden & Sam Jones  
Year 9: Angelina Shipman & Jay Harvey  
Year 10: Chloe Wright & Alexandros Antonas  
Year 11: Amelia Russell & Musa Ali  
Year 12: Emily Spooner  
Year 13: Finlay Crawford



## Technology Nominations

Year 7: Maddie Bristow & Finlay Paterson  
Year 8: Oliwia Drozdowska & Eisa Ali  
Year 9: Anjeli Reehal & Harry Novell  
Year 10: Sophia Carter & Bastien Correia  
Year 11: Fatima Habbouli & Arlo Challis



## Food & Nutrition Nominations

Year 10: Emma Astrup McGuinness & Daniel Gibbon  
Year 11: Eleanor Foster & Harry Fitzgerald



## Music Nominations

Year 7: Eliza Cannon & Chris He  
Year 8: Miley Ka & Louis Palmer  
Year 9: Piper Webb & Howard Wong  
Year 10: Danielle Beckley & Jacob Hopson  
Year 11: Heidi Grant & Finley Giles



## Textiles Nominations

Year 10: Phoebe Matthews & Bradley Ing  
Year 11: Amelia Russell & Luqman Jehangir  
Year 12: Tilly Adaway  
Year 13: Amy Lillywhite



## Effort in Learning Nominations

Year 7: Leticia Ferreira & Akeeb Hussain  
Year 8: Talia Abou Saleh & Joshua McCleary  
Year 9: Maria Tytko & Charlie Eaton  
Year 10: Oleksandra Melnyk & Thomas Gibbons  
Year 11: Beatriz Bartarin & Eric Bayod



## Product Design Nominations

Year 12: Daanyal Hussein  
Year 13: Lillia Bowsher



## ICT Nominations

Year 10: Elsa Hayford & Brayden Winsor  
Year 11: Anabel Zagacki & Amaan Munir  
Year 13: Aaden Warburton



## Raising Achievement - Determination and Resilience Award Nominations

Year 11: Connie Howe & Danylo Holosiuk



## Computing Nominations

Year 7: Gretel Anagho & Fraser Roberts  
Year 10: Weronika Sciegosz & Mustafa Amin  
Year 11: Elza Suiters & Connor Webb  
Year 12: Karim Anabtawi  
Year 13: Ian Scott



## Maths Nominations

Year 7: Princess Adebusoye & Seb Sutehall  
Year 8: Amy-Jayne Macey & Lucas Bryant  
Year 9: Bethan Hill & Fabien Mormech  
Year 10: Elenia Reina & Benjamin Juden  
Year 11: Sadie Huddleston & Nathan Macey  
Year 12: Tilly Connolly  
Year 13: Hannah Thomas



## Languages Nominations

Year 7: Abby Fraser-Gadd & Malakai Batchelor  
Year 8: Abigail Downes & Samuel Patton  
Year 9: Quenisha De Abreu & Noah Kerr  
Year 10: Sara Nazir & Maximillian Wibberley  
Year 11: Nesly Anuat & Raahi Singh  
Year 12: Brooke Stevens



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## Philosophy & Religion/Ethics Nominations



Year 7: Chloe Henry & Amir Gashi  
Year 8: Alice Grayson & Jenson Jones  
Year 9: Nicole Mizikova & Dilraj Rooprai  
Year 10: Kai Hussain & Daniel Higley  
Year 11: Jemima Jennings & Nayab Ali  
Year 12: Daisy Rippon  
Year 13: Matilda Annereau

## Psychology Nominations



Year 12: Will Lonsdale  
Year 13: Emily Goring

## Criminology Nominations



Year 12: Edward Lemon  
Year 13: Millie Price

## Business Nominations



Year 10: Emma Bunn & Luca Dance  
Year 11: Kya Davis & Thomas Hancock  
Year 12: Balraj Kaur  
Year 13: George Atkins

## Economics Nominations



Year 13: Charlie Hing

## PSHE Nominations



Year 7: Erin Banks & Dillon Chopra  
Year 8: Jaydee Mitchell & James Maher  
Year 9: Summer Holmden & Noah Moss  
Year 10: Lizzie Dilley & Samuel Cranch  
Year 11: Kirsty Steed & Piotr Kucharski

## English Nominations



Year 7: Alba Nicholls & Harry Kwiatkowski  
Year 8: Lois Sellman & Ethan Heywood  
Year 9: Ria Jangra & Ben Peck  
Year 10: Amy Barker & Fred Fletcher  
Year 11: Abbie Harley Waters & Nathan Hedges  
Year 12: Isabelle Holmes  
Year 13: Ella Mokfi

## Media Nominations



Year 12: Maddie Titley  
Year 13: Maja Nawrocka

## Duke of Edinburgh Nominations



Year 9: Belle Kilbane & Jacob Lampton  
Year 10: Kyren Charles  
Year 11: James Parkinson

## Construction Nomination



Year 10: Aamina Ashraf & Charles De Jager  
Year 11: Henry Greenland

## Travel & Tourism Nomination



Year 10: Mia Banks & Alex Callaby  
Year 11: Paige Brook

## Science Nominations



Year 7: Charley Smith & Harry Metcalfe  
Year 8: Bethany Thompson & Jude Sanders  
Year 9: Durusah Gulmez & Aadam Khan  
Year 10: Zara Webb & Matej Sutton  
Year 11: Austin Ka & Johanna Mitchell

## Biology Nominations



Year 12: Enzo Singh  
Year 13: Georgie Moore

## Human Biology Nominations



Year 12: Phoebe Forward  
Year 13: Tom Cannon

## Chemistry Nominations



Year 12: Kate Lee  
Year 13: Finn Treacy

## Physics Nominations



Year 12: Olivia Wojas  
Year 13: Samih Zaman





# Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Charity Number 287878



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## IT'S THE END OF TERM!!

It's time for us all to have a rest, take a break and enjoy good company over the Christmas season.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you for few social activities in 2023.



### ROUND-UP

During this term we have welcomed Neil Wilson as our Treasurer, Carina Charles as our Uniform Co-ordinator and Gill Healey as our 200 Club Administrator, plus recruited help from new parents Louise Paterson and Sophie Wheeler. Our small fundraising team have covered 3 physical events, administered 3 online schemes, run the uniform 'shop', maintained the PTFA Facebook page and 5 Facebook year groups, and tallied the accounts to nth degree; so we have been rather busy behind the scenes, in our own time! Funds raised will be reported next term so keep your eyes peeled.



- PTFA MEETING + AGM – JANUARY 2023
- 200 CLUB DRAW – FEBRUARY 2023
- BAR FOR SISTER ACT MUSICAL – FEBRUARY 2023

### REMINDERS

- UNIFORM SERVICES – Locate my Kit, Buy via Click & Collect, Donate by Drop-off Box – email us: [PTFAuniform@furzeplatt.net](mailto:PTFAuniform@furzeplatt.net)  
Name EVERYTHING to prevent adding to lost property - Use this link and code for labels and fund raise with us: <https://www.easy2name.com/> FR-FURZEPLATTSCHOOL-57
- 200 Club – got to be in it to win it!

200 CLUB: MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

- ONLINE SHOPPING – SUPPORT US ANYWHERE. ANY TIME.

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We appreciate your feedback and welcome comments and ideas by phone call **01628 625308**, by email [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) and through our Facebook Page [facebook.com/fpsptfa](https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa)

# Finance Manager To start at the earliest opportunity

Permanent 37 hours a week full-time, or part-time hours

We will consider applications from candidates looking for flexible working, a full year-round post or term-time only plus some work during the school holidays.

Actual salary depending on experience £38,342 - £42,307 FTE

We have an exciting opportunity for a Finance Manager to join our small and friendly finance team.

Ideally, you will be a qualified accountant or have a strong background in financial management. Experience of working in an educational environment would be advantageous but is not essential. The successful person will line manage two finance support staff and report to the Head of Finance and Operations.

As Finance Manager, you will be a confident communicator and enjoy working collaboratively. You will have excellent attention to detail, be proactive and proficient in IT skills, especially with Microsoft Excel.

In addition, if you have strong organisational skills and are self-motivated, can work independently to meet deadlines and key deliverables, we would love to hear from you!

The role includes:

- Responsibility for preparing budgets and financial and management reports for the school.
- Fulfilling statutory accounting functions for year-end audit.
- Dealing with the management accounts and budgets
- Co-ordinating the annual audit.
- Overseeing bank accounts, petty cash and credit cards.
- Managing a finance team of two.
- Dealing with the expenditure in relation to the school's budget and producing monthly management reports.
- Checking and reconciling the payroll reports; the payroll service is contracted-out.

Furze Platt is a highly successful mixed comprehensive school serving the children of Maidenhead. At Furze Platt, 1500 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 offer a friendly and harmonious campus, and we support the physical and mental wellbeing of all our staff. Generous leave, 28 days holiday, rising to 29 days in April (including 3 days between Christmas and the New year) plus bank holidays, for a full year-round post. Discounted membership is available for the use of a fully equipped and well-maintained gym on-site and we have free onsite parking. All staff have access to an employee advice programme which offers information, resources and a counselling service. We reward long service and encourage community spirit and staff involvement through various social events. Tea and coffee are free, and freshly brewed coffee is available in the main staff room at break times with edible treats to help you through the week!

For further information about this role and in order to complete a **Support Staff Application Form** please refer to our school website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net](mailto:Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net)

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: Ongoing**  
**Interviews will take place as and when suitable applications are received**

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# Exam Invigilators – to start as soon as possible

Term time only, casual contract. Actual salary £11.62 per hour (inclusive of holiday pay)

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 on an ad hoc basis to cover pre-public exams which take place at various times during the academic year and official exam sessions during May and June.
- Able to work individually and as part of a team
- Have good interpersonal skills
- Remain calm under pressure
- Are able to follow all instructions including those set by the Exam Board

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.

Please visit our website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) for an application form or contact Mrs Sarah Hemsley via [sarah.hemsley@furzeplatt.net](mailto:sarah.hemsley@furzeplatt.net) for further information. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered. All applications need to be submitted to [kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net](mailto:kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net).

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**SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN ON WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY**

**HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!**