

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Visit From the Right Honourable Theresa May MP

We were delighted to welcome Theresa May to FPSS on Thursday to talk to our Year 12 Politics students. I am told there were a range of thought-provoking questions and answers on subjects as varied as world leaders, the Conservative party, PMQs, the role of pressure groups, mental health, domestic abuse, the war in Ukraine and her biggest career achievements and regrets.

Our students are fortunate to be able to talk to a former Prime Minister and we are grateful to the Right Honourable MP for giving up her time.



Examinations

Examinations continue at pace for both KS4 and KS5 students. We remain impressed with their focus. At this point it is also a question of stamina so please do keep the encouragement going at home.

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Forthcoming Events

ALL EVENTS

TERM 6 EVENTS

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 2

MON 12 JUNE	Year 9 - Prison Me No Way	All day
WED 21 JUNE	Year 11 Graduation	4-6pm
WED 21 - FRI 23 JUNE	DofE Assessment Expedition: Year 10 Silver (Open & Closed)	
THU 22 JUNE	Year 11 Prom	7-10.30pm
FRI 23 JUNE	Year 9 Bronze DofE Assessment Expedition (Thursday and Friday)	
MON 26 JUNE	Non uniform day in aid of Alexander Devine Children's Hospice	
TUE 27 JUNE	Year 5 Open Morning	8.40am - 12.30pm
WED 28 JUNE	Year 7 Enrichment Afternoon	1.45pm - 3.15pm
THU 29 - FRI 30 JUNE	Enhanced Transition Day	8.40am - 3.15pm
TUE 4 - WED 5 JULY	Year 12 Taster Days	
TUE 4 JULY	Year 6 Taster Days	
SUN 9 - WED 12 JULY	Year 6 Parents' Q&A / Drop In Evening	6.30pm - 8pm
MON 10 - FRI 14 JULY	Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip - Nettlecombe	
TUE 11 JULY	Year 12 Work Experience Week	
WED 12 JULY	INSET Day - School closed for all year groups	6.30pm - 8pm
THU 13 JULY	Year 9 Enrichment Afternoon	
MON 17 JULY	Year 10 Enrichment Afternoon	
TUE 18 - THU 20 JULY	Art Show	
WED 19 - THU 20 JULY	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Assessment	6.30pm - 7.30pm
FRI 21 JULY	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Assessment	
	END OF TERM (TERM 6)	12.30pm finish

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Laptops for Learning

This week the window opened for parents in Year 6, 8 and 9 if they should wish to buy a laptop via the school scheme (closes 25th June). Of course, students can bring their own existing laptops should this be parent and carer wishes.

Water Safety

In the last newsletter of Term 5 I focused upon water safety and trying to prevent further young people dying in the hot weather by being tempted into rivers, seas and lakes. Sadly, this half term started with news of another young person in the North of England who lost their life. With the hot weather now upon us, please do reiterate these messages with your sons and daughters.

Take care,

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

YEAR 9 PRISON ME NO WAY

MONDAY 12TH JUNE

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a visit from Prison Me No Way (PMNW) on Monday 12th June, a renowned charity dedicated to educating young people about the causes, consequences and realities of crime.



During the visit, students will have the opportunity to engage in a range of interactive workshops and sessions which address various aspects of crime prevention, personal safety and the consequences of anti-social behaviour.

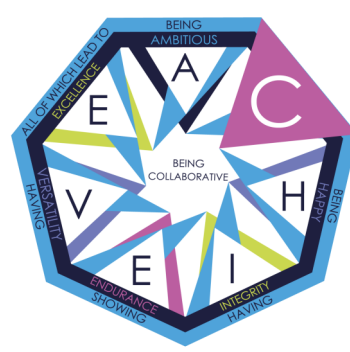
These sessions are designed to be engaging, informative and thought-provoking, encouraging our students to make positive choices in life.

All PSHE takes place in a safe, inclusive learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

Please click the link below for more detail about our PSHE curriculum.

[PSHE CURRICULUM](#)

Miss H Brookling, Head of PSHE



NON-UNIFORM (MUFTI) DAY

FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

Following a request from one of our students, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 23rd June 2023 in aid of the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice.



All donations to the Hospice's work are greatly appreciated and we would ask for participating students to make a £2 donation wherever possible.

Owing to the success of using ParentMail last term we will continue to use this moving forward and payments can therefore be made online (Payments - Shop), or students can give their donations to their tutor in registration on the day. We recognise that some families may not be in the financial position to make such a donation at this time and students will of course not be prevented from participating in the non-uniform day if there are genuine financial challenges.

While students will be wearing their own clothes, please be aware that we do expect them to dress appropriately. There should be no offensive slogans, crop tops, onesies, costumes, backless/halter-neck tops or camisole style tops. Skirts/shorts should be of a suitable length to the knee and shoes or trainers (not flip-flops or open back sandals) should be suitable for a day at school. We request no fashion or cultural headwear should be worn, only religious head coverings as per our usual uniform policy. Thank you.

YEAR 12 TASTER DAYS

THURSDAY 29TH AND FRIDAY 30TH JUNE

Students should meet at 8.30am in the Main Hall to receive timetables and information.



Any students who have not responded to Taster Day invitations will no longer be able to register online but can email sixthform.admin@furzeplatt.net (as soon as possible please).

YEAR 11 GRADUATION

WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE 2023



We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 Parents and Carers to our Graduation ceremony on Wednesday 21st June 2023.

Students should arrive in full school uniform at 3.30pm to meet their tutors. They should go to the rooms listed below, where they will find their tutor and will be able to change into their graduation gowns.

E1: 11BLC

E2: 11ELF

E3: 11BG

E4: 11JHL

E5: 11KAK

E6: 11NOY

E7: 11ZHM

Students should return any GCSE books, revision guides, revision cards or anything that they have borrowed or been lent for their GCSE exams. There will be boxes in English where they can put these items.



In addition, the PTFA would welcome any donations of sports kit or uniforms which can be left in reception at anytime over the next few weeks.

Parents should arrive no earlier than 4.00pm and be seated by 4.15pm in the Sports Hall. If it is hot weather, please bring water or drink with you, as the sports hall can get very hot. There will be opportunities to take photographs.

At the end of the event, please ensure your child returns their gown etc to the racks which will be available.

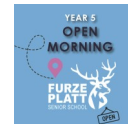
Miss L Lewis, Assistant Headteacher

'School leaders are ambitious for the school. They enjoy positive relationships with the rest of the staff and work with them to ensure the success of the school.'

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YEAR 5 OPEN MORNING

BOOK FROM MONDAY 12TH JUNE



We would like to invite Year 5 parents/carers and prospective students to our Year 5 Open Morning and Tours which will take place on Monday 26th June at 9.05 am and 10.05 am.

Please note, due to their popularity tours must be booked in advance.

Bookings can be made from Monday 12th June by calling Main Reception on 01628 625308.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals (which comes with additional financial benefits) please fill in the application form:

FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence. Your eligibility status will appear on screen within minutes, but can take up to 48 hours to validate, and the school is also notified of the outcome. There is no need to bring any documentation into school. The current daily allowance for free school meals is £2.50.

If you do not have access to the internet or would like help with the form please contact us at fsm@furzeplatt.net.

Please note: The school also receives additional funding if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, so we strongly encourage you to take up this entitlement.



EAGLE



FALCON



HAWK



OSPREY

WINNERS ENDURANCE

Congratulations to our overall winners:

Fastest in KS3: Josh King, Year 7 (Hawk House)
100% in 1 minute 59 seconds

Josh wins a chocolate bar and a £10 Amazon voucher.

Fastest in KS4/5 & fastest in whole school:
Mustafa Amin Year 10 (Osprey House) – 100% in 1 minute

For being the fastest in the whole school Mustafa wins a bumper chocolate bar, a £10 Amazon voucher and an Alan Turing book.

Well done to both students and to everyone who contributed to this House challenge.

VERSATILITY

Term 6 House Challenges will be based on the school value Versatility; finding solutions through:

Adaptability * Creativity * Resourcefulness



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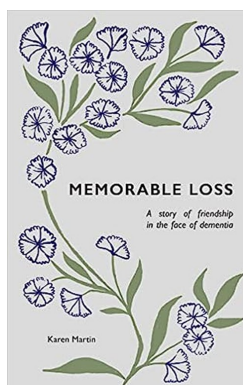
TERM 6 CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS:

Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received invitations for their son / daughter to attend clubs for their son/daughter for next term. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk 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.

SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS
SCHEDULE 2023

MRS MARTIN - NEW BOOK

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Martin, English teacher at Furze Platt for over 16 years, has written her first book.



Her story, 'A Memorable Loss' is a story of friendship in the face of dementia and can be purchased from 11th July via Amazon or Waterstones (links here).

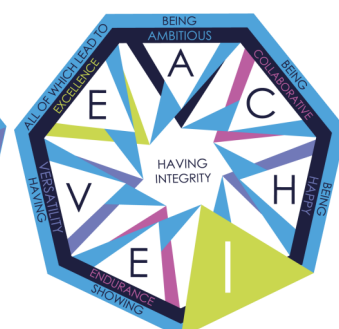


AMAZON LINK

WATERSTONES
LINK

While working at Furze Platt (2002-18) Mrs Martin won the Henley Literary Festival with a short story. She then went on to study for a Masters at the University of Warwick (where she achieved a distinction).

Now living in the Cotswolds, we wish her all the best for the future.





PERFORMING ARTS – DRAMA

On Wednesday 24th May, the Drama department held a Summer Drama Showcase of work from students in years 7-12. It was an excellent display of work from all year groups, some of which had been created in lessons, and some in extracurricular clubs.

There was a variety of work performed, from comedy devised pieces such as Sherlock Holmes and Star Wars, to classic Greek pieces such as Medea and Antigone.

The evening was run by the Technical Theatre club who operated the sound, lighting, projection and designed the set and costume. It was an excellent evening with some students performing for the first time. Thank you to all the parents and students who came to support the students.

A special thank you to all the students involved, the evening made us very proud to be part of such a talented and ambitious group of students here at Furze Platt.



DANCE CLUB TASTER SESSION

TUESDAY 13TH JUNE 3.30-4.30PM

Mrs Kalinowski, Head of Performing Arts, writes:

One of our Year 12 students, Isabelle Holmes, is running a **free dance workshop on Tuesday 13th June at 3.30-4.30pm** in the Dance Studio. If you want to come and try out it, please send an e-mail to Issy or myself (kate.kalinowski@furzeplatt.net) to sign yourself up.

Isabelle is an excellent dancer and has a wealth of experience in choreography. She will be running a dance club from September so this is an excellent opportunity to try it out and see if it is for you.

DANCE CLUB TASTER SESSION

Tuesday the 13th of June

Dance Studio
3:30 - 4:30

All years and abilities welcome
Come have fun, try something new and give it a go!



Contact
holmesi@furzeplatt.com to register your interest or turn up on the day!

FURZE PLATT STUDENT PERFORMING IN 'GYPSY'

Congratulations to Sophie Lloyd Year 8 (Hawk House) who is performing as Baby Louise in Gypsy at the Mill at Sonning until 15th July. Tickets are available from the box office.



Good luck Sophie, we are sure you will be a star performer!



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A career within the Army

On Wednesday 14th June during REC time (Period 5) in the Meeting Room in English Block, there will be a presentation/talk on careers within the Army with The Army Adjutant General Corps from Reading. Students will get the opportunity to meet and speak to existing soldiers and In particular you will learn about army roles within:

- HR
- The Royal Military Police
- Legal & Finance

Year 12 students have been invited but students from other years can also join. If you are interested in attending, please email The Sixth Form Supervised Study Manager & Coach Claire Beale on claire.beale@furzeplatt.net

Work experience in the Aviation & Aerospace industry for 15 to 18 year olds

We know this is a field that many people would love to get into! Springpod are offering a week of virtual work experience this summer and those who complete it may then be offered the opportunity to do a week's placement in person.

The virtual placement will be from 24th July to 4th August and can fit it around your own schedule.

You must sign up for this at the latest **by Wednesday 19th July** but they recommend earlier as all the places may get booked up fast. You will get to meet professionals in webinars, complete modules and you will get a certificate at the end for your CV.

To sign up, here is the link:

SPRINGPOD VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE



FUNDRAISING SUPERSTARS!

MUDDY RUN, WINDSOR

You may remember before half term we wrote about a number of our Year 12 students who were raising money for Cancer Research.



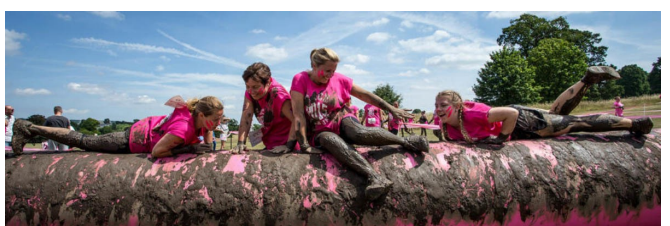
They all took part in the 'Muddy Run', held in Windsor on Saturday 3rd June.

There were two groups of students, both of whom have smashed their original targets.

One group managed to raise over £5000 for Cancer Research which is a phenomenal achievement.



The second group also raised 289% of their target of £100 which is a huge success. Well done to them all!



Staff Communication and Human Resources Manager To start July/August 2023

Permanent, Full time, All Year Round. 37 Hours per week. Salary £38,342 to £42,307 (pay award pending)

We are seeking a dynamic leader who can foster a positive and collaborative staff culture. The successful candidate will be highly personable and an excellent communicator, keen to recruit and retain the very best staff to ensure all our students get an inspiring and rewarding education. The person appointed will have a background in Human Resources management and the skills to advise and support colleagues, including Senior Leadership Team and governors.

This is an exciting opportunity to make a significant difference to the education of many hundreds of young people, as well as support colleagues to develop and progress their careers.

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We offer a friendly and harmonious campus, and we support the physical and mental wellbeing of all our staff. Discounted membership is available for the use of a fully equipped and well-maintained gym on-site. 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 through various social events including a Christmas party, sports after school and various House competitions. Parking is free, as are tea, coffee, and edible treats to help you through the week! Our Senior Leadership team recognises the value of our support staff attending whole school training, job specific training and opportunities to learn about students they may be supporting, hence our commitment to their attendance on our September INSET day and one other INSET day during the academic year. A free lunch is also provided giving staff the chance to welcome new members of staff and share news and ideas.

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. Application forms should be returned to 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: Wednesday 14th June at 9am
Interviews will take place: as soon as is practicable

CURRENT VACANCIES

Data and Admissions Manager

Start Date: 1st September 2023

Permanent, Full time, 37 hours a week, start time between 8 and 9am, finish time between 3.30 to 4.30pm (depending on start time/includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Thursday with a half hour earlier finish on Fridays, term time only plus 7 days (which includes two INSET days)

Actual salary £29,850 - £33,120pa depending on experience (pay award pending)

Do you have experience of and enjoy working in an environment where management information systems and Excel are used to provide high quality data management, and analysis? We are looking for someone to track the achievement and progress of all our students in school. You would also manage the school's Admissions Policy liaising with parents and carers to secure our Pupil Admission Numbers both via the In-Year transfers (Year 7 to 11) process and managing the new Year 7 admissions process.

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If you have strong organisational and time management skills, can work under pressure to meet important deadlines, and have an excellent understanding of MIS and Excel we would love to hear from you.

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 **Duck Derby & Family Fun Day**
Sunday 18th June, 1pm to 5pm
Ray Mill Island, Maidenhead
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 **Duck Race: 4.30 pm (1st place WINS £250)**

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East Berkshire

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Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

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- For children aged 5 & over, young adults and the over 25's: a schedule of social group sessions.
- Signposting to local & national services.





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Learn More...



Access to our 'Learn More' animations

Covering a range of topics, our 'learn more' animations can be viewed at your own leisure and frequency once you have requested your link.

Please contact the GEMS Team on **01753 373244** or at **gems.4health@nhs.net** to obtain your link for any of the following topics

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- **Autism & Communication**
- **Autism & Sensory Difficulties**
- **Autism & Anxiety**
- **Autism & Navigating Services**
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