

**MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

U16 County Champions

A huge congratulations to our County Cup winning Under 16 team who beat King's Binfield 5-0 in the final last Friday. It was a terrific success and much deserved. Well done to the squad and coaches who worked so hard for this result.



The team: Freddie Astrup McGuinness, Oliver Basford, Eric Bayod, Max Bayod, Callum Brennan, Jack Britton, Jake Coomes, Nicolai Harrit, John Hern, Lennon Moore, Amaan Munir, Reece Owens, Joshua Parrott, Jude Rosten, Jayden Taylor, Jayden Weier and Dylan Williams-Lock

Athletics

Last Saturday, our students also achieved success in the County Schools Athletics Championships. There were some notable results including:

Sophie McLachlan – 1st in 300m Hurdles; Brogan McCafferty – 1st in 100m; Anna Webster – 2nd in 200m (pictured); Sam Cranch – 2nd in Discus; Danielle Beckley – 3rd in Shot Put; Alfie Wiggins – 4th in Discus; Connor Fitzgibbon – 6th in Javelin



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**Forthcoming Events**

ALL EVENTS

TERM 6 EVENTS**NEXT WEEK: WEEK 1**

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
SAT 1 JULY	Year 12 Taster Days	
TUE 4 - WED 5 JULY	Grand Uniform Sale - PTFA	11am - 2pm
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	
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	Sports Award Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
FRI 21 JULY	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Assessment	
	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Assessment	
	END OF TERM (TERM 6)	12.30pm finish

SCHOOL TERM DATES

English Schools Championships

Well done also to the following students who will represent Berkshire Schools in Birmingham:

Brogan McCafferty SG 100m

Frank McGrath SB 3000m

Demari Gumbs SB 400m Hurdles

Prison Me No Way

On Monday, our Year 9 had an incredibly memorable day when the charity Prison Me No Way delivered a series of workshops to students. The charity seeks to raise awareness of the causes, consequences, penalties and impact of crime, prevent future crimes and help young people stay safe as law abiding citizens. The day featured many hard hitting and, at times, emotive subjects. Our students responded incredibly maturely, and, I hope, took a considerable amount from the visit.

Duke of Edinburgh

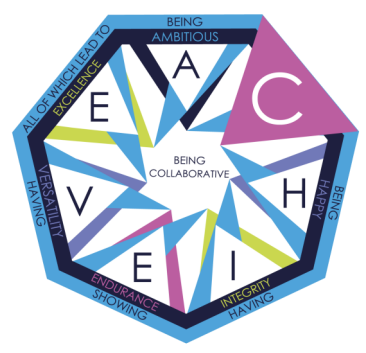
Good luck to the many students about to embark on their expeditions next week. I am sure students will learn a lot about themselves through the experience.

Prom and Graduation

I look forward to seeing many families alongside our Year 11 students at Prom and Graduation next week. These evenings offer us a great chance to recognise the contributions Year 11 have made to FPSS.

Take care,

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



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 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.

'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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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

GRAND UNIFORM SALE 11AM-2PM

SATURDAY 1ST JULY IN MU2



Donations of logo'd kit can be dropped into reception, to the PTFA blue containers.



We need your help to run this successful annual event please:

- 10 people for setup Friday 5.30-7.30pm
- 10 for the sale Saturday 11am-2pm

Plus, more help will be needed in advance to quality check and launder.

Please see our PTFA article on page 6 for full details.



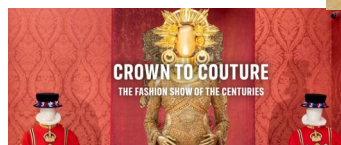
CROWN TO COUTURE EXHIBITION AT KENSINGTON PALACE

YEAR 12

Year 12 students had a wonderful time at the 'Crown to Couture' exhibition in London, featuring over 200 items from today's red carpet and the Georgian Royal Court in the 18th century.



Pictured: Louise Cox, Tilly Adaway and Maddie Sellman



VACANCIES AT FURZE PLATT



WE ARE HIRING

JOB VACANCIES AT FURZE PLATT

- + Data and Admissions Manager
- + Science Technician Level 1
- + Learning Support Assistants



For more details please see our recruitment advertisements in this newsletter on pages 8, 9 and 10.

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.



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ACHIEVE BADGES

After collecting individual Ambitious, Collaborative, Happy, Integrity, Endurance and Versatility badges, Jay Weaver (Hawk House) has become the first student to gain the Bronze Excellence badge.

Congratulations Jay! We look forward to many others achieving this recognition of character and personal development.



TERM 6 CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS:

* New this week - Year 10 History Academic Support Clinic: The Cold War

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 this term. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnvisits@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

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS



ARTS AWARD

The Performing Arts department has launched the Arts Award qualification.



Forty of our students are currently involved and taking part in working towards achieving their bronze. The award involves taking part in 40 hours of Arts Participation, teaching others a skills, researching an inspiring person and visiting an Arts event (drama/dance/music/photography/art)- all of which are put together in a portfolio.

Students have started to work on their projects some are interested in costume design, others creating a comic book and some writing and performing a script.

If you have any questions about Arts Award please e-mail Mrs Milicevic: marijana.milicevic@furzeplatt.net

NEW FOOTBALL PLAYERS NEEDED!

Bourne End Juniors are looking for new players in all positions to expand both of their under 13's teams for next season as they move to 11 a side football.



If your child is looking for a new challenge and would like to join a well established and well run football club, then we'd love to hear from you!

Depending on the league's final decisions we will be playing in Division 2/3 and Division 4 of the Wycombe and South Bucks Minor Football League.

We currently train at Wooburn Park in Bourne End and matches are on Sunday mornings.

Open trials begin in the coming weeks at Wooburn Park on Saturdays at 10am.

So, if you are interested and your child will be going into school Year 8 next year then please contact Stuart at bejsu13@gmail.com

Dance Taster Workshop

On Tuesday 13th June Isabelle Holmes in Year 12 ran a fantastic dance taster workshop after school. The workshop involved her teaching the students a routine she had choreographed in a street dance style and then the students had the chance to develop the choreography and then perform their routines to the group.

It was an excellent workshop, thank you to Isabelle for giving her time and the students for attending.

From September, Isabelle will be running a dance class weekly so watch this space for details.





Careers Talk from the ARMY Adjutant General Corps

On Wednesday, four Year 12 students attended a careers talk with the Army to explore career possibilities and learn about all the different options working in the Army can offer – not just in a combat role.

They learned about the fitness and medical checks, how to apply, the training, the transfers within the Army, the qualifications that you can do and the perks of joining. They also focussed on working in areas such as HR and Finance.



Webinar with the University of Portsmouth

For students thinking of going to university, there are some interesting webinars this month about different types of courses.

The webinars are run by The University of Portsmouth but will be useful and relevant to other universities too.

Tuesday 20th June: Economy courses

ECONOMY COURSES WEBINAR

Thursday 22nd June: Marketing courses

MARKETING COURSES WEBINAR



Year 12: Work Experience in Law with BVL

BVL is a social mobility charity which aims to get students from non-fee paying schools to explore the legal system as a potential career path.

To find out all the information about the different opportunities BVL offer, visit their website and click on Our Projects.

LINK TO BVL WEBSITE

There are 5 projects that Year 12 students could apply for (please click on the name of each one for more details):

[The Blair Partnership & Pottermore Publishing.](#)

This will be an insight evening on Zoom from 5-7pm on 11th July 2023 and **the deadline to apply is Tuesday 20th June 7pm.**

This is to learn more about a career as an in house lawyer, for example for a literary and entertainment agency.

[The London Media Law Insight Programme](#) with 5 hybrid sessions in July and August, some over Teams and some in person in London (travel expenses will be paid) and **the deadline to apply is Tuesday 20th June at 7pm.**

This is to learn more about a career as a lawyer specialising in privacy, reputation management and data protection. You will participate in interactive workshops on the work of a lawyer working in media law.

[The Model Law Commission](#) from September 2023 to January 2024. This will be hybrid with some sessions over Zoom and some face to face in London. Travel expenses will be paid. **Deadline to apply is Friday 8th September.**

On this 3 month project, students will simulate the work of the Law Commission to reform laws

[The Mooting Competition](#) from February to April 2024, which will be 11 sessions over Zoom from 6-8pm. You need to apply **by Thursday 4th January 2024.**

Students will have the opportunity to compete in our Mooting Competition in association with the Supreme Court. A 'moot' simulates a court hearing (usually an appeal), in which participants analyse a fictional case, research the relevant law, prepare written submissions and then present an oral argument.

[Introduction to Legal System](#) from May to July 2024 – mostly held over Zoom but one day in London (travel expenses will be paid). The deadline to apply is **Thursday 28th March 2024.**

This gives students a chance to look at a case which was recently heard in the Supreme Court. Participants will review the decision made by the court, before coming to their own conclusions and writing a report outlining their thoughts and giving their own judgments.



On 9 April 2023, Furze Platt students Jennie Dawkes (Year 7) and Noah Moss (Year 9) joined more than 1,300 young musicians from around 24 countries for the British Suzuki Music Association Gala Concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

The Suzuki Method of music education is based on the philosophy and teaching methods developed by the Japanese violinist, pedagogue, educator and humanitarian, Dr Shinichi Suzuki and is based on the theory that if all children can learn their mother tongue to a high ability, other skills can be learned in the same way.



Jennie is a member of the National Children's Orchestra who were recently joined by superstar cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason.

This was such an exciting opportunity for the young musicians to chat and perform with a best-selling classical recording artist. Click below to hear some of his recordings:

**FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT SHEKU
KANNEH-
MASON**



**IT'S BEEN A
SIZZLING WEEK IN
THE SUN
LET'S MAKE THE NEXT
FEW WEEKS SIZZLE
WITH YOUR HELP...
EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!**

PTFA
Parents, Teachers
& Friends
Association

Charity Number 287878

SATURDAY 1st JULY 2023

11AM-2PM

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE

**BIG
SALE**

Logo'd uniform in clean and saleable condition required via school reception.

Year 11 families – please drop in uniform after the exams!

Helpers required Friday and Saturday - ten per day. Sixth Formers and DoFE students also welcome.

Friday: 5.30pm - 7.30pm Saturday: 11am - 2pm

Have fun and help our school raise funds!

**FEEDBACK AND IDEAS WELCOME -
YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US!**



ptfa@furzeplatt.net



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<https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa>

MAIDENHEAD BOUNDARY WALK

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 2023

Raise funds for your charity, organised by the Rotary Clubs of Maidenhead and Maidenhead Bridge



Open to walkers of all ages and abilities, whether you are an individual, group or family this is your opportunity to participate in an historical event, have some fun, and raise much needed money for your chosen causes.

Full Boundary Walk or Shorter Family Walk options available.

SAVE TIME AND GO ONLINE! Register online and pay your entry fee in advance to speed up your check-in at the start of the walk.

You can also download additional information such as the route map, app, and print sponsor forms! Simply click on the link below for more information:

REGISTER ONLINE FOR BOUNDARY WALK



Year 5 Open Morning

Monday 26th June 2023

Tours at 9.05am, 10.05am & 11.50am

Please call **01628 625308** *to book a tour!*



Science Technician Level One To start 1st September 2023

Permanent, Part time, 30 hours a week, start time 8:30am, finish time 3pm. (negotiable/includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only plus two INSET days.

Actual salary £15,565 - £15,845pa (pay award pending) depending on experience

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We would like to find someone to work with our science technician team who prepare and maintain all science teaching areas and equipment for teachers and their students. With guidance and considerable training, you will support with the preparation of materials, equipment, and other resources for practical lessons and possibly after school activities. You will also help with the clearing away after lessons and the replenishment of stock. Other responsibilities include washing glassware, ensuring the science prep room is clean and tidy and assisting with compiling of inventories and equipment.

We are looking for a team player who would like to work within a science technician team and if the opportunity arises would be keen to progress within the department, possibly specialising in the preparation of lessons for a specific science subject. If you can prioritise, work under pressure and would enjoy the chance to work in a school environment where no two days are the same, we would love to hear from you.

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: 9am Monday 26th June 2023
Interviews will take place: as soon as is practicable

Learning Support Assistants To start as soon as possible

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 plus two INSET days (flexibility with hours is negotiable) Actual Starting Salary £16,730

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We are looking for enthusiastic and reliable individuals to join our Core Learning Support team who provide targeted support to our students with Special Educational Needs within the mainstream school, or our Shine team, providing targeted support to our students with an autistic spectrum condition diagnosis in the ASC Resource Base.

You would be working under the direction of the SENCO or Shine teachers, and classroom teachers to provide support for individual students across key stages 3 to 5, in line with any agreed SEND or other specialist plans. Supporting small groups of students for interventions and mentoring nominated students is also a part of this role. You will help students develop their organisational, social and communication skills and help them gain access to the curriculum by ensuring effective use of differentiated instructions and tasks.

We are looking for team players, who can communicate sensitively and confidently with staff, students and parents/carers. 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 ASC (Autistic Spectrum Condition).

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Closing Date: ongoing
Suitable applicants will be interviewed as soon as possible

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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Closing date: Thursday 22nd June
Interviews will take place: as soon as is practicable

BRAND NEW
**STUDENT
MEMBERSHIP**

**GYM ACCESS FOR
£9.99 A MONTH**

Our brand new fixed membership will grant students between the ages of 13 to 16 access to our gym between 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm.

*Please note this membership will only be available during term time and on weekdays only.

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