

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

### Remembrance

On Friday at 11.11am we held a two-minute silence in advance of Remembrance Day this weekend. This gave the opportunity for the FPSS community to come together and remember those who have died in conflict.

All week Mr Colmer, Head of Year 13, has been leading assemblies on Remembrance sharing with students the significance of the event and why we remember.

I am sure that many of our community will be marking the event over the weekend whether privately or in one of the more formal ceremonies or parades that will occur. Thank you to all our community for remembering and showing respect.



### Diwali

As the vibrant festival of Diwali approaches, we extend our heartfelt wishes to all our dedicated staff and talented students. May this Festival of Lights bring an abundance of joy, prosperity, and success to each one of you. Wishing you all a Happy Diwali filled with laughter, love, and the brightness of new beginnings.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

## ALL EVENTS

### Term 2 Events

<b>FRI 10</b> NOVEMBER	PTFA Big Quiz <b>SOLD OUT</b>	7.30-10pm
<b>MON 20</b> NOVEMBER	Careers Fortnight	
<b>TUE 21</b> NOVEMBER	Autistic Girls Network Presentation, School Theatre	7pm
<b>THU 23</b> NOVEMBER	Sixth Form Open Evening	6pm - 9pm
<b>FRI 24</b> NOVEMBER	Late Start	9.15am
<b>TUE 28</b> NOVEMBER	Careers and Higher Education Fair (CHEF)	6pm - 8pm
<b>THU 30</b> NOVEMBER	Year 12 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
<b>WED 6</b> DECEMBER	Year 9 & 10 Performing Arts Theatre Trip	4.30pm - 10pm
<b>THU 7</b> DECEMBER	Year 13 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
<b>WED 13</b> DECEMBER	Christmas Concert	7pm - 8.30pm
<b>FRI 15</b> DECEMBER	End of Term 2 - Early finish	12.30pm finish
<b>MON 17 - TUE 2</b> DECEMBER - JANUARY	Christmas Holidays	
<b>WED 3</b> JANUARY	INSET Day - School closed for all year groups	
<b>THU 4</b> JANUARY	Start of Term 3	8.40am start





## Sixth Form Open Evening

This week Mr Ging spoke to Year 11 about the wonderful opportunities on offer in the FPSS Sixth Form. Our Open Evening is 23<sup>rd</sup> November giving students and their families the chance to hear from our Sixth Form team and students, as well as learn about individual courses.

The evening is always very busy so please do share with friends and family who may wish to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.



[CLICK HERE FOR OPEN EVENING DETAILS/TIMINGS](#)

If you are a parent, carer or friend of our school, please nominate [Furze Platt Senior School PTFA](#) for a chance to win one of ten £5,000 special grants.

It's quick and easy to nominate and voting closes **TODAY** (Friday). We need your help to win this money - thank you!



**\*\* PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VOTE \*\***

## EARLY BREAK 2

**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

In order to accommodate the Year 11 Pre Public Exams (PPEs) our Break 2 will run an hour earlier than usual for the week 13th -17th November.

For all students, Break 2 will therefore be from 12.45-1.15pm with P4 moving back to 1.15pm - 2.15pm. The rest of the day will run as normal.

## Careers and Higher Education Fair

**Tuesday 28th November**

Our Careers and Higher Education Fair will be held from 6-8pm on Tuesday 28th November. Aimed at students in Years 9-13, this is a fantastic opportunity for students to meet employers, colleges, universities and much more. For more details please see page 4 of this newsletter.

## Year 11 PPEs

Finally, Year 11 sit their written PPEs next week. I am sure that they have been busy revising and this will continue over the weekend. I wish them every success in the exams next week.

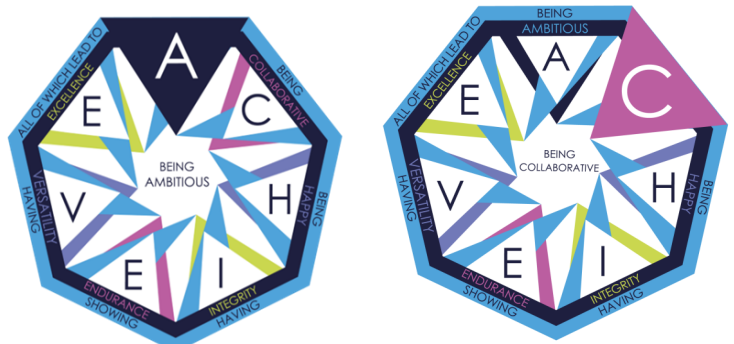
Take care.

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

## LATE START: FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

**9.15AM START FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL**

Following our Sixth Form Open Evening, we have a late start on Friday 24th November. All students will go to their first lesson (instead of Form) that day and start at 9.15am.



'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 12 AND 13 PARENTS EVENINGS

- Year 12 Parents and Carers' Evening will take place on Thursday 30th November from 4.15pm-7.15pm.
- Year 13 Parents and Carers' Evening will take place on Thursday 7th December from 4.15pm-7.15pm.

Full details will be sent out in the next few weeks.

## YEAR 11 PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS



We will be running Pre-Public exams (PPEs) which started with Art and Photography this week and a full week of written subjects next week. PPEs take place during the normal school day, and students will be expected to be in lessons if they do not have an exam.

There is no 'study leave' for PPEs and students will be in school from 9:15am to 3:15pm as usual.

However, when students have morning exams they will be required to be in school for 8:45am. When they have afternoon exams they will be permitted to leave after the exam finishes.

Please note that, while some exams will finish before 3:15pm, there are some subjects that will not finish until after 3:30pm (particularly where a student qualifies for extra time in their exams).

Students should also note that for exams on 13th-17th November only, when they have an afternoon exam their Break 2 will be an hour earlier than usual (from 12:45-1:15) and should plan their eating accordingly.

*Students will be expected to remain in school on Friday 17th November afternoon, in normal lessons, if not sitting an exam.*

Students have online access to their personal PPE timetables so they know which rooms their exams will be held in. The overview timetable was sent out to parents and carers earlier this week.

Mrs S Hemsley

Exams Manager

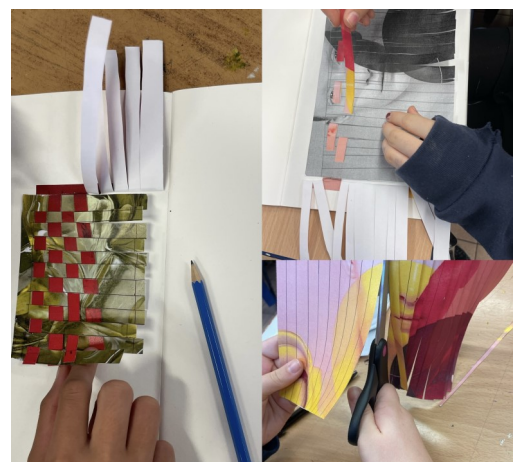
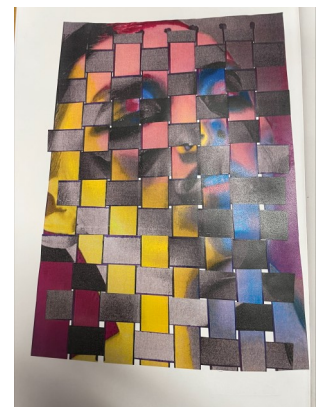
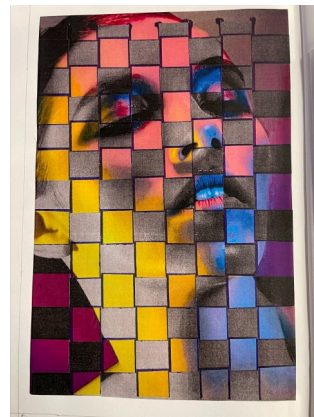
## YEAR 9 ART AND DESIGN- PHOTOGRAPHY



The first project in Year 9 Art and Design is centred around Photography.

Currently our Year 9 students are exploring photographic weaving whereby they mix a traditional process with a more contemporary media. In preparation, each student had to take their own contrasting photographs and they are now developing them into a range of outcomes, challenging themselves to create different woven patterns.

As you can see the results look fantastic!







Students in Years 9-13 and their families are warmly invited to our Careers and Higher Education Fair on Tuesday 28th November from 6-8pm. At time of writing we have 24 universities, 4 local colleges and over 40 stalls representing a wide range of careers.

## YEAR 8 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM



YEAR 8

**Deadline today: please pay via ParentMail**

Parents and carers will have received a letter for a Year 8 Geography/Science trip to the Natural History Museum.

Your son/daughter will need to attend only one day. Each class and student will be informed which days he or she needs to attend:

- Monday 13th November – 8F/Gg1 (Mr Melville & Mrs Brennan); 8F/Gg2 (Mrs McElligott & Mr Harrison); 8F/Gg3 (Dr Walker & Mr Wellard)
- Wednesday 15th November – 8P/Gg1 (Dr Graham & Mr Green); 8P/Gg2 (Miss Harper & Mr Harrison); 8P/Gg3 (Mrs Herrick & Mrs Brennan)
- Monday 20th November – 8S/Gg1 (Miss Dissegna & Mrs Brennan), 8S/Gg2 (Mr Randall & Mr Green); 8S/Gg3 (Mr Melville & Mr Harrison)

## INSPIRE CRITICAL THINKING



St John's College, University of Oxford, is delighted to open registration for Inspire Critical Thinking for 2023/24!

Inspire Critical Thinking is open to all non-selective state school pupils across the UK in Years 9, 10 & 11.

For full details please see page 8 of this newsletter.



## TERM 2 CLUBS 2023-24

Clubs for this term were sent out on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please do not delete these emails as new clubs may be added throughout the term and you will need to book via the original link.

### SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

#### DEBATE CLUB

Tuesdays

All year groups welcome!

#### Debate Club

After School  
(3:15-3:45pm)

Tuesdays in P1



Interested in: Current affairs, developing your debating skills, gaining confidence, making new friends, taking part in friendly competition and having fun?

Then Debate Club is perfect for you, we look forward to seeing you!

## YEAR 12 POLITICS TRIP TO LONDON

Last week 19 A Level Politics students visited London as part of their studies. Students commenced the day with a guided tour through the historic Houses of Parliament and had the opportunity to see Westminster Hall, the House of Commons and the voting lobbies.

Later students walked along to see Downing Street and Scotland Yard before an afternoon tour of the UK Supreme Court. In the court students had the opportunity to not only see the courtrooms and learn more about the role of the courts but also to take part in a mock case where they were the barristers and Supreme Court Justices. The students put on an impressive performance and it was clear there are some budding politicians and lawyers within the group.





Competitive netball is back in the Sixth Form!

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November our Sixth Form netballers played in their first competitive netball fixture of the year against Windsor Girls School. Despite the 29-21 loss, the performance of the team was outstanding and each quarter had all spectators (and the umpires) gripped with FP taking the win in quarter 1 and 4. The girls displayed high levels of sportsmanship, positivity and ambition and all are eager for a rematch.

Pictured left to right: Phoebe Forward, Maddie Titley, Amelia Bell, Connie Howe, Tilly Adaway, Tilly Connolly, Emily Spooner, Ella Stevenson, Balraj Kaur



## YEAR 7 PE



It's not just our senior students having sporting fun...

Pictured are our Year 7(S) demonstrating their collaboration skills during an OAA (Outdoor/ Adventurous Activities) lesson of 'Quicksand'.

Great teamwork and collaborative skills throughout.



## MUSIC LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Year 12 students put on a wonderful lunchtime concert this week for students and staff.

Thank you to everyone involved.



## CAN YOU HELP (2)?



### FOOTBALL BOOTS FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

If anyone has a pair of football boots they no longer need, please consider donating them to the team of asylum seekers at Uxbridge College.

The players are aged 16 to 19 so sizes 6 and upwards.



If you would you like to donate a pair, please bring them to Main Reception for the attention of Mrs C Beale.

Thank you.

## YEAR 10 CONSTRUCTION



Our Year 10 Construction class are growing in confidence in their Carpentry skills.

## PIZZA PERFECTION

On Wednesday our Year 9 students embarked on a culinary adventure and made some truly amazing pizzas!



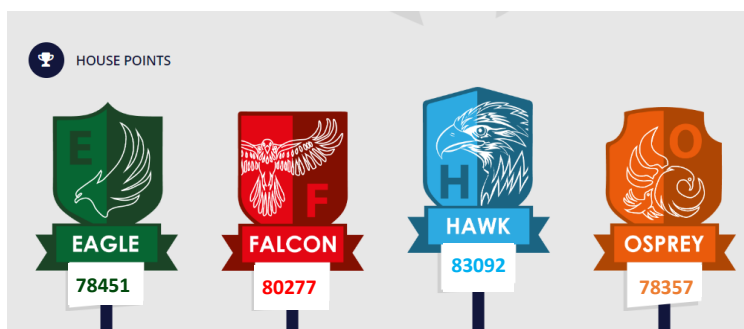
Our young chefs rolled up their sleeves, donned their aprons, and got to work in the kitchen, and the results were nothing short of spectacular. Each student crafted their pizza masterpiece, from kneading the dough to choosing the perfect toppings and stuffed crust.

The morning was filled with creativity, collaboration, and deliciousness! The passion and enthusiasm displayed by our Year 9 students was truly inspiring and the joy and pride on their faces as they saw their pizzas come out of the oven were heart-warming.

It was not just a lesson in cooking; it was a lesson in confidence, accomplishment, and the ability to turn simple ingredients into something extraordinary.

Huge thank you to Mrs Burch for facilitating the lesson.

## HOUSE POINT TOTALS SO FAR THIS TERM



## AUTISTIC GIRLS NETWORK

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7pm, School Theatre**

We are joined by Cathy Wassell, who runs the charity, Autism in Girls Network, to talk about how girls are often diagnosed much later than boys due to misconceptions about how autism presents itself.

Ticket prices are £5 (to cover the cost of hosting Cathy at our theatre) and can be purchased via the [link https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre) or QR code below.

For any other enquiries contact [theatre@furzeplatt.net](mailto:theatre@furzeplatt.net)

Mrs M Holden, Theatre Manager



**BOOK TICKETS**



## FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL STUDENTS AT FPSS

As part of our school provision, the FPSS Pastoral Team and the Innovate Canteen Service believe it is vital to ensure that all students are given a healthy and sustaining breakfast to set them up for success over the school day.

**Therefore, all students at FPSS are entitled to a free breakfast of porridge oats at school.**

There will be a small surcharge for porridge toppings, and this will be covered for students in receipt of free school meals. This is a slight adjustment to the previous provision that was in place.

## HOW TO TOP UP LUNCH MONEY IN PARENTMAIL





## Contact us

Email: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fpsstpta>

Website: <https://www.furzeplatt.com/page/?title=The+PTFA&pid=41>



## £££ = £££ MATCHED FUNDING

Matched funding is achieved when a parent/carer/friend has donated to and/or helped at a charity event or activity and their employer/company operates a 'community charity support' scheme. The employee completes a form/applies to the company for a contribution towards the funds raised. It's also tax effective and can be deducted from the business corporation tax, plus, the employee can use it for their own tax advantage too.

If your employer offers this please email us: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net)

## HELPERS NEEDED

We are after helpers for tonight (Friday).

Help required from 6pm in the school hall to set up the bar and set out the Quiz tables and chairs.



*Clear up begins around 9.45/10pm when the quiz is almost over. There's the raffle to deal with and washing up as necessary. Come and join a friendly team of PTFA helpers!*

Please email us asap: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net)

## SOLD OUT QUIZ AND HOT BUFFET DINNER

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.30-10pm

Main School Hall.

If you have purchased tickets for this event we are looking forward to seeing you tonight, don't forget to bring cash for the raffle too!



THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS IN THE 200 CLUB AND SIGNED UP TO EASYFUNDRAISING – **YOU MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE.**

THERE'S SPACE FOR MORE MEMBERS SO CLICK THROUGH NOW -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/furzeplattsenior>

JOIN THE 200 CLUB - £5 PER MONTH

Uniform Co-ordinator is Carina Charles (Year 8 parent). Please email your requests to: [PTFAUniform@furzeplatt.net](mailto:PTFAUniform@furzeplatt.net) and Carina will get back to you. Please add this email address to your 'safe senders list'.

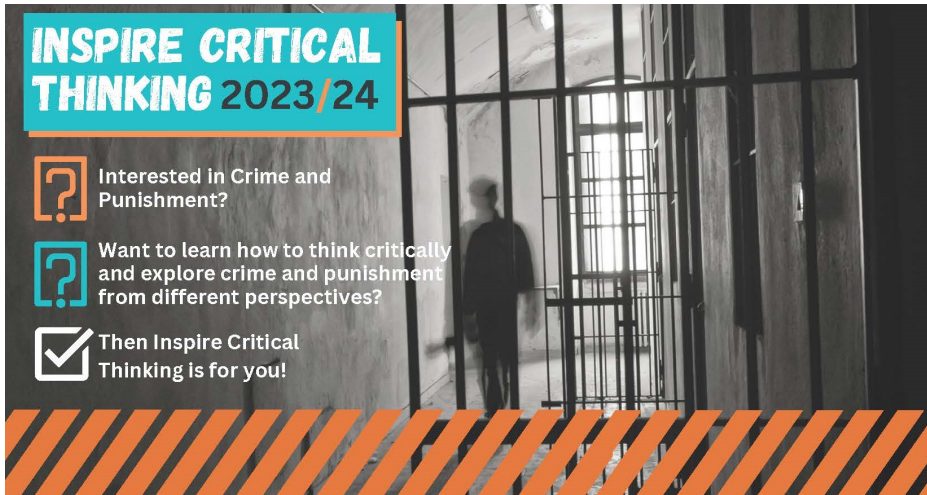
Secretary and 200 Club Administrator is Gill Healey (Year 10 parent). Notifications will be emailed from: [PTFA200Club@furzeplatt.net](mailto:PTFA200Club@furzeplatt.net) Please add this email address to your 'safe senders list'.

**TEAM**  
TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



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## WHAT IS INSPIRE CRITICAL THINKING?

Inspire Critical Thinking is a free online programme for all pupils in Years 9 - 11 made up of 4 workshops linked to a central question: 'Does crime always deserve punishment?'. It will run between January - April 2024.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each month a link to each workshop is sent to your email so you can discover at your own pace. Each workshop has articles, videos, challenges, interviews with Oxford students and academics, and other interactive elements.

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN UNTIL 13TH DECEMBER 2023**

St John's  
**inspire**  
programme

## THIS YEAR'S WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- Workshop 1 – How has the definition of crime changed?
- Workshop 2 – Are some crimes excusable?
- Workshop 3 – How effective is crime detection and the Criminal Justice System?
- Workshop 4 – What is the purpose of punishments?

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

- Learn about crime & punishment from a range of perspectives
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Win prizes for completing challenges
- Improve your literacy
- Discuss and debate online with pupils across the UK
- Find out about life at Oxford University
- Invitation to the St John's College Virtual Summer School
- Guidance on careers and subjects



## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Scan the QR code to register, or visit [www.sjcinspire.com](http://www.sjcinspire.com) for more information.



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Last year, we had over 1000 pupils from across the UK take part in our programme, and this year we are inviting even more Critical Thinkers to join in!

Inspire Critical Thinking is a free online course run by St John's College and Somerville College in collaboration with Oxford for South East, and open to all pupils at non-selective UK state schools in Years 9, 10 & 11.

The course focuses on a central theme which is approached from a variety of subject viewpoints, and each virtual workshop includes articles, interviews, recorded lectures, and challenges developed by University of Oxford academics and students!

**The theme for Inspire Critical Thinking 2023/24 is 'Does Crime Always Deserve Punishment?'**

By taking part in the programme, pupils will have the opportunity to explore their interests in depth, discover new and exciting topics which they might not have studied before, and develop confidence in their ability. Pupils will also have the chance to submit responses to each class's challenges to be in with a chance of winning prizes!

This year's Inspire Critical Thinking includes a range of exciting and engaging resources, with articles ranging from AI and crime to the use of DNA in evidence. We also include interviews with current researchers and students, and further links to help pupils hone their critical thinking skills and develop their CVs.

The aim of Inspire Critical Thinking is to develop pupils' ability to think critically about the world around them by encouraging them to advance their analytical, reflective, and creative abilities, all while having fun and learning more about the world around them.

## Inspire Virtual Summer School

### Chance to attend a Free Inspire Residential Summer School

Following the online classes, all registered pupils will be invited to attend our Inspire Virtual Summer School. For pupils in Year 11, there is also a competitive application process for a free Inspire Residential Summer School at St John's College!

You can read all about our Inspire Summer Schools [by following this link](#).

The course takes place on our website, Inspire Digital. [You can access the course homepage by following this link](#).

## HLTA (Inclusion) - To start as soon as possible

Full time/Part time/Job Share considered for the right candidates. Minimum 22 hours per week Monday, Wednesday, Friday with full time considered with additional responsibilities. If full time - 37 hours a week, start time 8.30am, finish time 4.30pm – Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 4.00pm on a Friday (includes a half hour unpaid break). Term time only plus two INSET days.

Actual salary £31,400 - £33,700 pa based on above (would vary if part time) depending on experience

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We are looking for someone to develop and manage our KS3 Raising Achievement (RA) intervention, ensuring that the young people identified for this intervention can access academic learning, develop organisational, study and life skills and make good progress towards achieving personalised targets.

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: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Interviews will take place: As soon as can be arranged**



## Learning Support Assistant in Shine To start as soon as possible

Permanent, Part time, 12 hours a week, over two days, 6 hours per day. 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) Actual Starting Salary £7,260 pa

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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**



## Cover Supervisor To start as soon as possible

Permanent, Part time, 32.5 hours a week, start time 8.30am, finish time 3.30pm (includes a half hour unpaid break). Monday to Friday, term time only plus two INSET days  
Actual salary £18,125 - £19,135pa depending on experience

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We are looking for Cover Supervisors to join our support staff team. You would be supervising classes during the short-term absence of the assigned teacher working in a classroom environment alongside students at Key Stage 3 and 4. Your main responsibility would be to instruct students about the work set by the teacher and assisting them to stay on task and complete the work set to the best of their ability. The provision of cover will be varied: you might introduce the work by talking through a Power Point, showing video clips, or reading through texts with students. You may be asked to lead a class discussion, organise group work or supervise PE and Drama activities. You would also learn about school policies and how they are implemented including the school's Behaviour for Learning Policy.

Previous experience of working with or interacting with children or young people is required for this role as well as good communication skills, an ability to work with minimum of supervision and to manage students in a classroom setting. Confidence using a laptop as well as good organisational skills are important for this role.

In addition, if you are a graduate with an interest in a career working with young people in education and you would like this opportunity to gain some experience working in a classroom environment before considering teacher training, we would be delighted to receive your application. For further information about teacher training please refer to [www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk](http://www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk)

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**Closing date: Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9am**  
**Interviews will take place: as soon as is practicable**

## Exams Access Arrangements Officer

### Start Date: ASAP

Permanent, Part time, 22.5 hours a week preferably 7.5 hours three days a week (negotiable), start time 8.30am, finish time 4.30pm (negotiable - includes a half hour unpaid break). Term time only plus two INSET days – some flexibility required during busy periods.

Actual salary £12,545 - £13,250pa depending on experience

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You would be an integral member of the Learning Support Department, taking responsibility for the processes involved in arranging exam access arrangements for students who are eligible for such provision in line with the Awarding Body regulations. This will include using systems to identify students who may be eligible for exam access arrangements, collecting evidence for referrals, planning and co-ordinating further assessment and implementation of support and submitting applications to the exam boards for consideration. The successful applicant would need to be a proactive and effective communicator, who would feel comfortable liaising with students, parents, teaching staff, other educational establishments and SEND professionals. They will work closely with the school's SENCOs, SEN administrator and the Exams Department in order to ensure that all exam access needs are met in a timely manner. Experience of working in an administrative role and working to deadlines would be advantageous to this role. This is a part-time role but will require flexibility during busy periods, when additional hours may be needed. Any additional hours will be agreed in advance and compensation adjusted.

This is a rewarding opportunity for someone who enjoys working with and supporting others and advocating for young people who have a range of different needs. If you have strong organisational skills, excellent written and verbal communication skills and enjoy working in an 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](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [hr@furzeplatt.net](mailto:hr@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: Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9am**  
**Interviews will take place: as soon as possible**



## Graduate PE Assistant – Fixed Term Contract until July 2024.

Permanent, Full time, 37 hours a week – 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4pm on a Friday (including half hour unpaid break)

Monday to Friday, Term Time Only plus two INSET days

Actual salary range £20,600-£21,390pa depending on experience

Are you a keen sports player with experience of coaching young people? We are looking for a dynamic individual to join our thriving PE department and immerse themselves in all aspects of sporting life in school. You would be responsible for supporting vulnerable students and students with additional needs within PE lessons as well as planning for and coaching at extra-curricular sports clubs for all students. Organising home and away sports fixtures, using social media to communicate sporting success and getting involved in day-to-day departmental activities are important parts of this role. Taking ownership for researching and securing funding to finance extra-curricular activities as well as developing and sourcing new links with schools and local sports clubs are also key.

We are looking for a team player who enjoys working with minimum supervision, using their initiative and who might be interested in joining our teacher training programme in the future. For further information and an application form please refer to the vacancies section of our school website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com).

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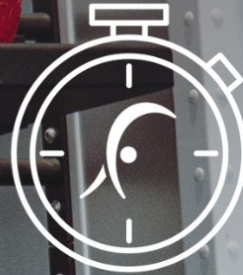
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**Interviews will take place as soon as possible after the closing date**







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FURZE PLATT LEISURE CENTRE



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## Yoga for Girls Aged 11 - 15



**FREE TASTER  
FOR NEWCOMERS  
(booking required)**

Thursdays 7pm - 8pm

To book click [here](#)

[www.movehappyfitness.co.uk/kids-yoga](http://www.movehappyfitness.co.uk/kids-yoga)



Carly Brown, Yoga Teacher

Carly started practicing yoga over twenty years ago as a teenager herself, and qualified to teach in 2016.

She brings a lightness, fun and creativity to all of her classes. She covers breath exercises, postures, anatomy, meditation, hand mudras, relaxation.

Her aim is always to empower those in her class, promoting a sense of calm, connection, and resilience. And also enabling them to start to build their own mini practice for life, for all the benefits it can bring.

In her spare time Carly likes to practice yoga, draw, and walk my Labrador Fred.



## Yoga for Girls aged 11 - 16

Thursdays, Term time

New course begin 14th September

7pm-8pm

St Edmund Campion Parish Centre,  
Altwood Road, Maidenhead



- 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/kids-yoga>

Questions?

Contact: Nicola Porter  
nicolamaryporter@gmail.com  
Phone: 07709 164778  
[www.movehappyfitness.co.uk](http://www.movehappyfitness.co.uk)  
@movehappyfitness

To book any of the events on this page please click the link [here](#)



Move Happy Fitness

## MOVING THROUGH PERIMENOPAUSE

A WORKSHOP

**Book NOW**

Sunday 5th November

2.30pm - 5.30pm

Maidenhead

Investment £49

- Dr Katie Irvine GP
- Jenny McGuckian, Nutritional Therapist
- Kathryn Fish, Personal Trainer

To book click [here](#)



## A workshop to inform, empower and connect

For women who are only just starting to think about menopause, as well as those who are really feeling tired, hormonal and irritable, and just don't know where to turn next.

Understanding our bodies is the best way to feel empowered and take control of our health and energy. Join us for a relaxed afternoon of discussion and your questions answered.

[movehappyfitness.co.uk](http://movehappyfitness.co.uk)

@movehappyfitness



www.rbwm.gov.uk

Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

# Christmas

Monday 18 to Thursday 21 December

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

For children with access to free school meals

The programme is known as FUEL in RBWM



**The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead**

E: [HAF@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:HAF@achievingforchildren.org.uk)  
Funded by the Department for Education

 **achieving for children**

**IMPORTANT: The programme has been set up to provide positive activities and healthy meals for children and NOT for the purposes of child care.**

Below are our FUEL camps, full information on each camp, including times, can be found at our webpage ([click here](#)). The process for bookings can also be found on the website. Further camps may be added to the programme over the next 2 weeks.

To gain access to the booking links and codes for each provider please complete the [FUEL Interest Form](#)

**KEY:**  
1-4 = Level of SEND support provided (4=high)  
♿ = Wheelchair accessible

**Maidenhead Area**

**Multi Sports**

- USports 2 ♿
- Magpies In The Community 1
- Premier Education 1 ♿
- Playsport 2 ♿
- Get Active Sports 1 ♿

**Football**

- Magpies In The Community 1

**Dance**

- Sanders Street 1 ♿

**Outdoor Play**

- Muddy Me 1
- Wilderness and Wonder 1

**Creative Play**

- Pop Up Play Village 2 ♿

**SEND (attending with parents)**

- Family Hub SEN 2 ♿

**12-16yrs Trip**

- Family Hub 1 (minibus pick up)

**Wraysbury**

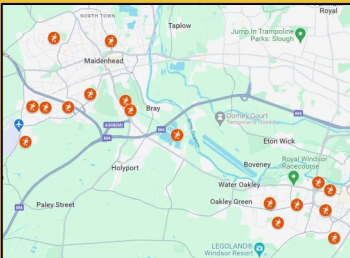
- To be confirmed

If your child has SEND needs and you have identified a club for them that is not on the list, please contact us as we may be able to work with the club to provide your child's space as part of the FUEL programme.

We maybe able to provide support staff for children requiring 1-1 support. In some cases parents/carers can attend as the child's support.

**Extended Eligibility Criteria for access to FUEL (4-16yrs):**

- Accessing Pupil Premium
- Child in Care
- Young Refugee
- Child being supported by Early Help or Social Care
- Children with an EHC (education, health and care) plan
- Young Carer



**Windsor Area**

**Multi Sports**

- USports 2 ♿
- Premier Education 1 ♿
- Playsport 2 ♿
- Sports4Kids 2 ♿

**Football**

- Magpies In The Community 1

**Dance**

- 4Motion 1

**Arts, Crafts and Games**

- Creative Fun 1 ♿

**12-16yrs Trip**

- Family Hub 1

*Friends of Homer*


## Christmas Shopping Evening

**When: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
**7pm – 9.30pm**

**Where: Homer First School, Testwood Road, Windsor, SL4 5RL**

**Entry: £1 per person**

- Nearly 40 different stalls selling a range of Christmas gifts
- Raffle with some amazing prizes
- Refreshments



For more information or to buy raffle tickets, please email [friendsofhomerschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhomerschool@gmail.com)

*Friends of Homer Christmas Shopping Evening*

## Raffle Prizes

- Christmas mug set
- Body shop gift set
- Handmade fabric notebook
- MeAmora press on nails
- Christmas cupcakes
- Floral Christmas decoration
- Macrame Christmas decoration
- Mamma Made gift voucher
- AC scents starter set
- Christmas cookies
- £20 Tropic voucher
- Sweet cart hire with 50 sweet cones
- Homemade chutney and marmalade
- Wooden bird box
- Gloves
- Christmas cards
- Bath bombs
- Framed print
- Alcohol
- Chocolates
- Beauty products
- Neal's Yard hamper
- Jewellery
- Scentsy mystery bag
- Light up mirror
- Christmas Eve kids bundle
- Crocheted toy
- Scarf
- Baby blanket
- Beauty treatment voucher
- And more still to come!

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the night, but if you cannot make it and wish to buy some tickets, please email: [friendsofhomerschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhomerschool@gmail.com)



## INFORMATION EVENT

### LOCATION

Deanfield and Rotherfield campuses

18th November 2023  
@ 10:00-12:30pm



**Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)**  
Information, Advice and Support Service  
for children, young people and parents

## Free informal information sessions

### SEN Support & Inclusion Quality Mark

Thursday 16th November 0930-1130

@ Friend's House Maidenhead

If you would like to find out more about SEN support, what support you can expect school to provide, how it works, or what the Inclusion Quality Marks is and how it is awarded to schools - come along and find out. This is an informal session with Kelly Nash, Area SENCo and the IAS Team.

**BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE HERE**

### Emotionally related school avoidance (ERSA)

Wednesday 22nd November 0930-1130

@ Friend's House Maidenhead

This session is being run by the Educational Psychology service and the IAS team. It will focus on ERSA, What you can do, how school can help and what support is available.

**BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE HERE**

### IAS Surgery

6th December 2023 0930-1130

@ Community Hall, Ascot Durning Library, High Street, Ascot SL5 7JF

An opportunity to book a 15 minute face to face appointment with one of the IAS advisers to discuss anything SEND related. We will do our best to answer any questions, give advice and support. You do not need to be registered with our service to access this. To book a slot please email [ias@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:ias@rbwm.gov.uk)

### A parental guide to Alternative Provision

Thursday 14th December 9.30am (for a 10am start) - 11am @ Friends House, Maidenhead

A Parental guide to alternative provision within the borough - delivered by the Achieving for Children SEND Team, with the IAS team.

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**What can the Royal Borough Library Service add to its offer that would help you and your family to understand your neurodivergence, disability or medical diagnosis?**

Help shape the Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) library offer within our borough. Please come and share your recommendations at the

### SEND Booklist Working Group

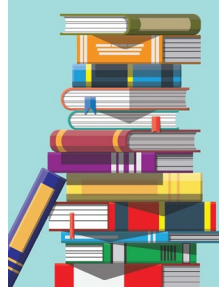
Tuesday 5 December

10.30am to 11.30am

Maidenhead Library

Tea and coffee provided

Email [ias@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:ias@rbwm.gov.uk) for more information



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## SEND parent and carer engagement workshop

**Tuesday 14 November 2023**

12pm to 1.30pm

Windsor Youth and Community Centre,  
65 Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HD



Send Voices  
RBWM

SEND Voices RBWM and Achieving for Children Education Team invite you to their next termly engagement workshop.

This is for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). A chance for us all to meet and discuss education services and support for our children in RBWM.

Register for the workshop on [Eventbrite](#).

