

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

A Wealth of Experiences!

After examinations and the departure of Year 11 and 13, a common misconception of school life is that things get quieter. While there are fewer people around site, colleagues use the time to offer a whole host of opportunities to our young people.



On Monday, we saw our second Harry Potter trip out enjoying the sights and sounds of Warner Bros World, as well as around a hundred students representing FPSS at District Athletics. I am delighted to report that Furze Platt students excelled, with our Year 10 boys winning the competition. Our girls' football team won the Soccer Sevens tournament against local schools – well done to them all!



On Monday and Tuesday, our Year 9 students were fabulous helpers and guides for the Year 5 students and families we welcomed to FPSS.

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, our Year 7 and 8 students experienced their Enrichment Afternoons participating in a range of activities including Bake Off, anime, Chinese culture, earthquake engineering, codebreaking, mural painting and The Apprentice. You can see more photos of these events on pages 2 and 3.

On Thursday and Friday, we welcomed potential Sixth Form students for their Taster Days. It was a pleasure to



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week 1)

ALL EVENTS

MON 1 JULY	Year 8 Field Events Sports Day	
TUE 2 - WED 3 JULY	Year 6 Taster Days	4pm - 6pm
WED 3 JULY	Year 9 Field Events Sports Day	
THU 4 JULY	Performing Arts Summer Showcase	7pm - 9pm
FRI 5 JULY	Year 9 Enrichment Afternoon	
FRI 5 JULY	Year 10 Field Events Sports Day	
SAT 6 JULY	Year 10 Enrichment Afternoon	
SAT 6 JULY	PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale	11am-2pm

Forthcoming Events

MON 8 JULY	Track Events Sports Day
TUE 9 JULY	INSET Day
WED 10 - FRI 12 JULY	DofE Silver Assessment Expedition
TUE 11 - FRI 12 JULY	DofE Bronze Assessment Expedition
THU 11 JULY	Art Show

SCHOOL TERM DATES

meet many new faces, as well as welcome back our recently departed Year 11 students.

On Friday we were incredibly lucky to welcome Airbus to FPSS who led some amazing workshops with our Year 9 students. I hope that these inspired students to consider future employment opportunities.

Next week sees much more as on Monday, we are fortunate to have the engineering and construction companies Volker Fitzpatrick and Mace into FPSS to lead workshops with our Year 10 students. We welcome our

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new Year 7 students for September on Tuesday and Wednesday, have our Year 9 and 10 Enrichment Afternoons next Thursday and Friday, and will enjoy our Performing Arts Summer Showcase on Wednesday evening.



FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL

**PERFORMING ARTS
SUMMER
SHOWCASE**

WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 2024

7PM START IN THE THEATRE

**An evening of drama and music from
our KS3 students.**

**£3 for adults, free for under 18s
and over 65s.**

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

Thank you to all our community for supporting this amazing array of activities.

Year 13 Prom

Now finished their A Levels, it was a pleasure to attend the Year 13 Prom at Windsor Racecourse on Wednesday. Our Year 13 students all looked amazing and I hope that they thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Year 12 Examinations

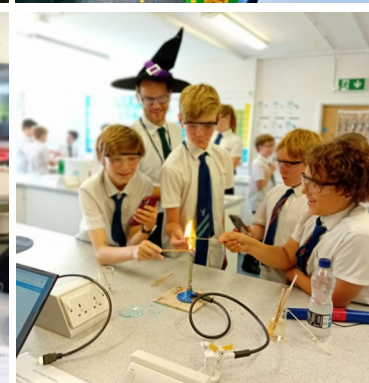
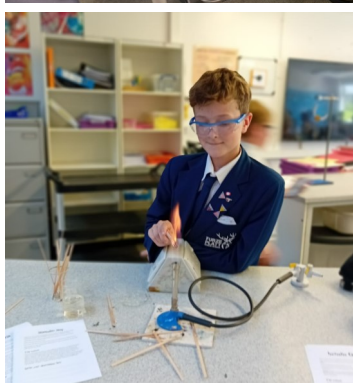
Amongst the various events this week, Year 12 have been focused upon their examinations. I would like to thank them for their efforts and wish them every success with the results.

Take care,

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

YEAR 7 AND 8 ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

Our Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed a huge range of Enrichment sessions this week. They could choose from a wide range of activities, from Furze Platt's Bake Off to magical Hogwarts Science experiments; learning to apply professional stage makeup; welcoming The Creative Brick Company with their stacks of Lego; colouring sugar skull marshmallows with the theme of 'Day of the Dead' and much, much more!



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YEAR 7 REPORTS

The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools.

The service is available either by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents or by clicking the link below which takes you to our website and includes our latest Guidance to Grading document.

CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ON REPORTS AND GUIDANCE TO GRADING

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager



YEAR 6 TASTER DAYS

TUESDAY 2ND AND WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY

We look forward to welcoming prospective Year 6 students on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July for their Taster Days with us.

INSET DAY TUESDAY 9TH JULY

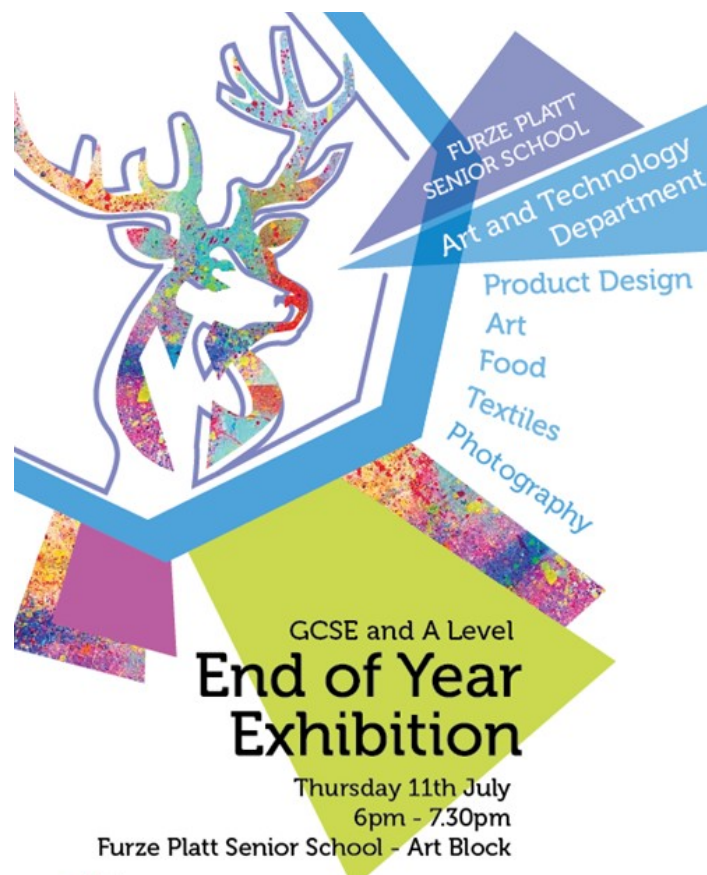
Our next INSET day will be on Tuesday 9th July. School will be closed for all year groups.

ART AND TECHNOLOGY

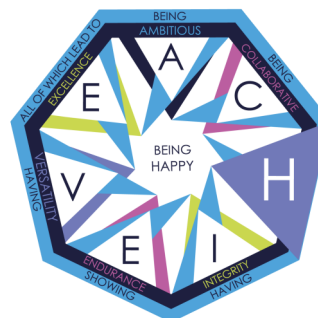
GCSE AND A LEVEL END OF YEAR EXHIBITION

THURSDAY 11TH JULY 6-7.30PM

You are warmly invited to attend our End of Year Art and Technology Exhibition which showcases work from our very talented GCSE and A-Level students. We look forward to seeing you there.



No photography permitted at the event.



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ENDURANCE ASSEMBLY

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Thank you to Mr Brown, Teacher of Maths, who this week shared an incredibly powerful assembly with our Year 10 students a personal story on the value of endurance and perspective after a life-threatening injury he sustained in a football match.



Students were impressed by his honesty and bravery and haven't been shy in coming forward to thank him for it.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD SUMMER SCHOOL

Congratulations to Freya Stevenson (Year 11) who has been accepted to the University of Oxford summer school. This was a competitive process across schools in the UK - well done Freya!



LAMDA

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For the first time, Furze Platt is offering London Academy of Music and Art (LAMDA) lessons to our students.

Parents and carers have been sent information this week via Parentmail of how to book.

This is a fantastic way for students to improve their performance skills, earn more qualifications and develop their love for the Arts.

CURRENT YEAR 7 STUDENTS

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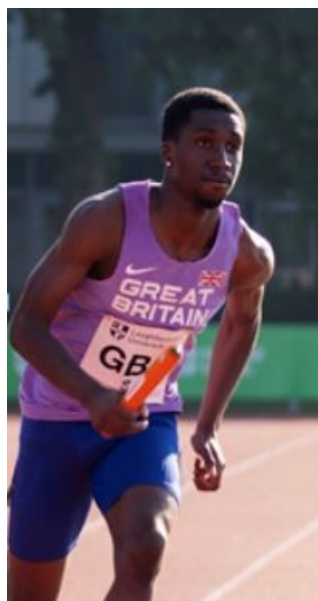
TRIP TO ST DAVIDS BUNK BARN, 9TH-12TH JUNE 2025

Following the success of this year's trip to St Davids Bunk Barns in Wales, we are delighted to invite our current Year 7 students (Year 8 by the time of the trip) to next year's trip to St Davids. Details sent out to parents today via Parentmail, a deposit of £50 is required at time of booking.

For more information please visit the link below using the password wales

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)





Congratulations to Demari Gumbs, Year 13, who will be competing in Germany for GB in the 400m (pb: 47.67) where he is currently ranked 4th in the country. He will be also doing the 400x4 Relay.

Demari has recently completed the two year Youth Talent Programme with England Athletics Talent Pathway. This course is designed to meet the needs of talented athletes, training with England coaches, to learn

how to build and develop relationships and how to analyse their performance against potential, compete at higher level competitions and how to talk to the media. Based at Brunel University, the course will provide Demari with a certificate in Level 3 Diploma in Sporting Excellence.

Well done to him and good luck for GB!

SOUTH EAST SCHOOLS EVENT

On Saturday and Sunday, Connor Fitzgibbon (Year 11) represented Berkshire at the South East Schools Combined Event. Connor competed in the Octathlon.

He achieved PBs in javelin, discus, shot put, 100m hurdles, 400m and 1500m. The U17 Berkshire team finished in 2nd place and Connor was second in the team with a score of 3336.



Connor will be representing Berkshire again in July when he competes in high jump at English Schools.

We wish him the best of luck with the competition.

U14 GIRLS' RUGBY CHAMPIONS

Four pupils from FPSS played in the U14 Rugby Cup Final with Maidenhead RFC a few weeks ago against Havant girls U14s to a completely packed stadium and won 15-12. They are now the champions of Hants, Oxfordshire and Berkshire U14 girls.

They are looking for more U14 players to join them!



HOW TO JOIN MAIDENHEAD RFC U14

DISTRICT ATHLETICS COMPETITION

This week over seventy students competed against all the other schools in the Borough in the District Athletics competition at TVAC. The students were brilliant, showing real versatility and endurance in the heat, stepping in to fill events for those who couldn't make it with some even competing in year groups above their own to earn team points for FP. They spent the entire day cheering each other on and demonstrating our ACHIEVE values.

To make it better, we had some outstanding individual performances, some teams achieved podium positions and our Year 10 boys won the entire event bringing home the trophy for FP!

- Year 7 Girls – 3rd place
- Year 8 boys – 2nd place
- Year 10 boys – 1st place

Great results everyone!





WINNERS OF THE SOCCER SEVENS TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 20th June our Girls' Football team came home as the winners of the Soccer Sevens football tournament. With 7 other schools competing, it was an exciting and tense afternoon and Furze Platt's girls were delighted to find themselves in the semi-finals. A confident 2-0 win allowed them to progress through to the final where they won on sudden death penalties - thanks to an outstanding save from Niamh Smith and unstoppable goal from Sophia Fernandes - against Baylis Court School.



A huge well done to all that played and endured the heat. Those medals and the trophy is very well deserved!

Team:

Sophia Fernandes
Danni Cox
Taylor Gurney
Aamani Chopra
Nelly Bartkowiak

Olivia Hazell
Ellie McCaffery
Sophia Mormech
Florence Sutton
Niamh Smith
Izzy Keane

Thanks for everything you
do for our children.

- Parents of students in Year 11 and Year 13



'Younger pupils welcome
the support offered by
Sixth Form students for their
welfare and well-being.'

Ofsted 2021

'Thank you to the entire Sixth Form team for welcoming and supporting my son so brilliantly during this academic year. He settled in quickly and is thriving. Thank you all so much!'

- The family of a Year 12 student



HARRY POTTER TRIP

We had another excited group of students off out last week, enjoying the magic of Harry Potter and the Warner Bros Studio Tour.

Thank you to everyone involved!



'To all staff at Furze Platt Senior School,
Thank you very much for everything you do.
We appreciate you and all the time and effort
you put in to making our son's school life a
happy and successful one.'

- The family of a Year 10 student



TERM 6 CLUBS 2024

Clubs for this term were sent out on the last day of last term (Friday 24th May).

Please note:

- * once in the list of clubs or academic support clinics, click on the name of the activity or session you wish to book and press confirm
- * please do not duplicate club bookings per session
- * students in upper years may see invitations to academic clubs that are not part of their specific academic programme; emails are sent to year groups so please only choose sessions that are relevant to your son/daughter

SCHOOL CLUB LIST

A huge thank you to the teachers and support staff for providing so many extra-curricular opportunities to my child. These activities have created wonderful memories that they will cherish for years to come.

- Anonymous



LOST PROPERTY

If students have mislaid kit or uniform please encourage them to look for items in Lost Property. We currently have lots of un-named PE kits, coats, school trousers & shirts.

Please can you ensure all items for school – uniform, PE kit, bags, coats etc – are named so they can be easily returned.

Items not collected by the end of term will be donated to our PTFA.

Thank you.



MORNING FITNESS CLUB

Great work from our Fitness Club students with a wealth of equipment in our fantastic Leisure Centre to choose from!



GARDENING CLUB



In the heat of the afternoon Gardening club harvested some of our organic, locally grown, unique, Furze Platt flowers.



To all staff at Furze Platt, our daughter leaves Furze Platt after seven very happy years. She arrived a shy little girl and leaves an adult. The teaching staff that have been part of her journey have had a vast input to that. She has been so happy, felt valued, she has been very much a part of a community that has given her security, a purpose and a routine that she'll find hard to leave.

I'm forever grateful that her time at FPSS has given her lifelong friendships and happy memories. Thank you to you all.

- The family of a Year 13 student



CAN YOU HELP ST MARK'S CARE HOME?

Message from St Mark's Care Home:

'Here at St. Mark's Care Home, we have two very big birthdays coming up.

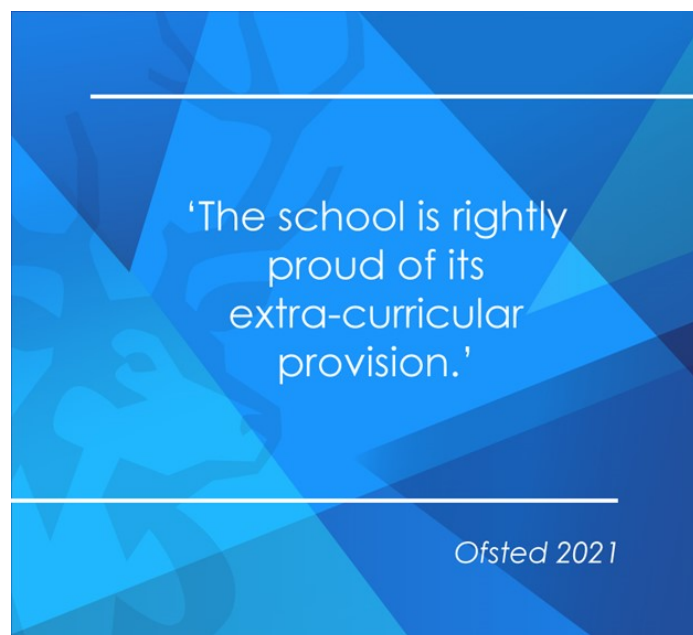
Hilda will be turning 104 on July 6th, and Pamela will be 101 on July 9th.



We would love for the ladies to receive at least 104 & 101 birthday cards each, to truly celebrate the occasion.

If you would like to send Hilda and Pamela a card, please send them to St. Mark's Care Home, 110 St Mark's Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 6DN

A massive thank you in advance for your help!



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If you or anyone you know thinks they might be interested in training to become a teacher, please see our website for details

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or contact Claire.eadie@furzeplatt.net



WE ARE HIRING

Join Our Talent Pool

Let us know you are interested in working with us by joining our Talent Pool.

[FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL TALENT POOL](#)

Theatre and Lettings Manager

EDV/2024/FPSS/07177

We have an exciting opportunity for someone to join our team to further grow the range and number of events within our Theatre, maximising the benefits for both the school and the community. We are...

📍 Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ

🕒 Permanent | Part-Time

💷 £18,389.00 - £21,496.00 Annually (Actual)

Part time, 22.5 hours per week. Term time only plus two weeks.

New • Apply by 09:00am, Monday 8th Jul, 2024

Learning Support Assistant

EDV/2024/FPSS/39792

We are looking for enthusiastic and reliable individuals to join our core Learning Support team to provide targeted support to our students with Special Educational Needs. This role is term...

📍 Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ

🕒 Permanent | Part-Time/Full-Time

💷 £22,413.19 - £23,967.42 Annually (Actual)

Part-time and/or Job Share considered. Term time only plus two INSET days.

New • Apply by 09:00am, Monday 8th Jul, 2024 • Job start: September 2024



Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

facebook.com/fpssptfa Website: [click here to access](#)

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?

GRAND UNIFORM SALE - SATURDAY 6th JULY

11AM-2PM IN MU2

The PTFA annual Preloved Uniform Sale will be offering logo'd PE kit and daywear at reasonable prices. Bring your children to try on the clothing and your carrier bags. Arrive from 11am to grab a few bargains; cash and bank transfers accepted.



We encourage the recycling, reuse and repurpose of goods so this event is ecologically, economically and environmentally friendly. All funds raised go towards supporting your child's school experiences.

Thank you so much to everybody who responded to our appeal for help with the sale. If you haven't heard from us already, we'll be in touch in the next few days. We can always use more helpers, especially on the day of the sale itself, so there's still time to sign up - please email ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net

LEISURE FOCUS GET FIT THIS SUMMER

£28 for 28 days of
gym access at :

- Cox Green Leisure Centre
- Furze Platt Leisure Centre
- Charters Leisure Centre

 **SCAN
ME!**





Have you thought of joining a lively choir?

We need new members for September

Making music with us is fun and rewarding



Girls' Choir

(meets alternate Saturdays in term time 2.00-4.00 pm)
Girls Year 5 to Year 10

MIXED YOUTH CHOIR

(meets alternate
Saturdays
in term time from 4.30-
7.00 pm)

Girls Year 11 upwards;
Boys with changing
voices earlier



Visit a rehearsal on any the following dates:

4th May 18th May 1st June

www.taplowchoirs.org.uk.

gillian.dibden@gmail.com or telephone Gillian Dibden 07799
413746



JUL 13TH: JAZ DELOREAN

Pianist and singer with touring band 'Tankus the Henge' Jaz Delorean joins us for an evening of soulful music!

He'll pull at your heartstrings, and get you dancing to the rhythms of his fingers and forgetting your worries with his charismatic music.

JUL 18TH: CABARET NIGHT

Local talent Rob Castell presents his Cabaret Night with special guest Daisy Wood-Davis.

Daisy is a dazzling performer who has starred in many theatre productions, including Dreamboats and Petticoats, Hair The Musical, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, and The Rocky Horror Show.



AUG 22ND: ANDREW BOURN

Singing sensation Andrew Bourn joins us with his 5 piece jazz ensemble. This will be a splendid evening of swinging jazz standards and show tunes from Sinatra to Buble!

Andrew has performed on the world's biggest stages including the London Palladium, The Royal Albert Hall and London's Hyde Park as well numerous TV performances.

GIGS & EVENTS LIVE MUSIC & BAR PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED

MORE EVENTS ONLINE!

dawkes.co.uk/live



Working in Wildlife Conservation: Work Experience with your local Wildlife Trust

Considering a career in wildlife conservation or environmental education? Join a small group on a 3 day course at Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre for a hands-on chance to find out what a job in a wildlife charity could feel like, including practical conservation work, wildlife ID and surveying, discussing the challenges of working in the sector and meeting the people doing the jobs already. Visit our website to find out more.

This course is suitable for young people aged 15 to 17 years.

Tuesday 30 July – Thursday 1 August 2024; 9:30am-3pm

£60 per head, covers all three days. Booking essential.

"I found the course super enjoyable. I also found the activities very inspiring for my future career."

Visit our website to book or for more info:

- bbowt.org.uk/events
- 01235 862024 or sceec@bbowt.org.uk



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