

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodbye Year 13

Today we sadly said goodbye to our Year 13 students with their Leavers Assembly. They have been tremendous ambassadors for FPSS, leading and supporting events within our school and community. They will be much missed.



We look forward to seeing them through the next few weeks of exams before saying a final farewell at their Prom. As ever, I encourage students to stay in touch as it is always fantastic to hear about their future adventures.

Welcome to Our New Year 7

As we said goodbye to Year 13, we also welcomed our new Year 7 parents, carers and students on Wednesday evening. It is great to have them put their faith in FPSS and we are lucky to once more be oversubscribed with a waiting list. Presentations on Wednesday centred on the information needed to ensure a successful start at secondary school and I hope attendees found this useful. We look forward to getting to know our new students further on Transition Days.

Good Luck Year 11 and 13

Thank you to all colleagues, parents, carers and students for encouraging and supporting Year 11 and 13 as they begin their formal examinations. We look forward to seeing students in the various revision sessions and wishing them good luck as they enter the Exam Hall.

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

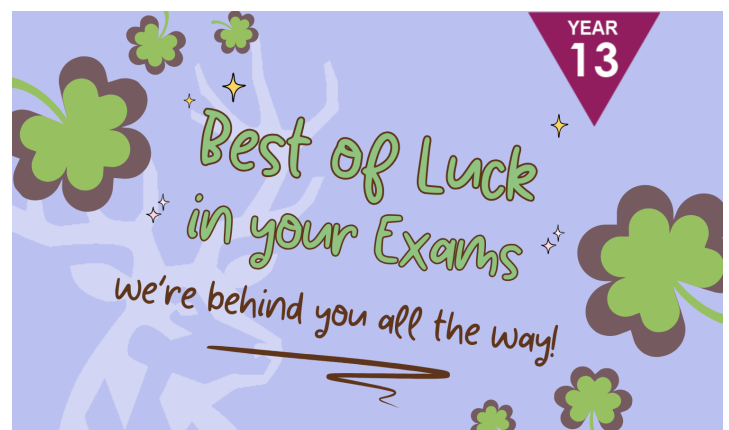
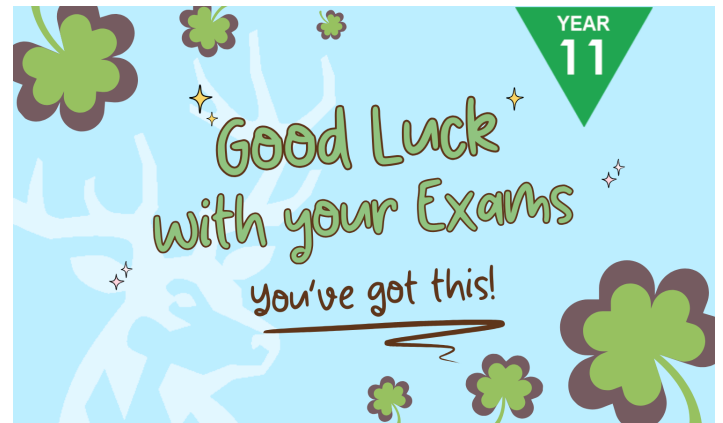
SPORTS CALENDAR

TERM 5 EVENTS

Week 1

MON 12 MAY	Year 13 Study Leave Begins	
FRI 23 MAY	END OF TERM (TERM 5)	3.15pm finish
MON 25 - FRI 30 MAY	MAY HOLIDAY	
MON 2 JUNE	START OF TERM 6 (Week 1)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES



A REMINDER ABOUT BEING READY FOR LEARNING

As we continue to support students in making the most of their learning at Furze Platt, we'd like to remind parents and carers of the importance of ensuring their child arrives at school fully equipped each day.

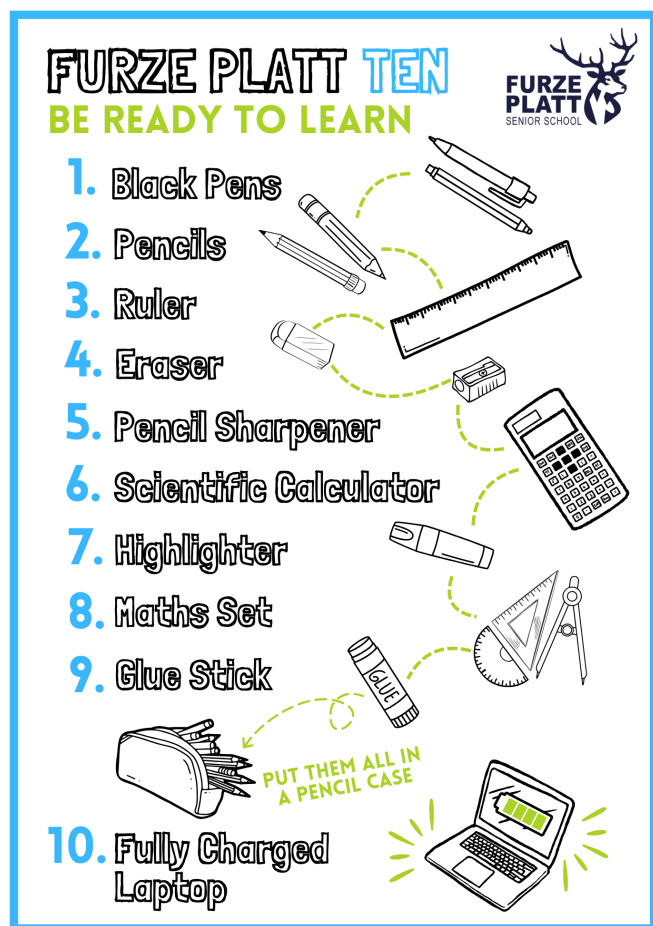
Please ensure your child brings their **laptop to school every day**, and that it is **fully charged**. This is essential for accessing lesson resources and completing classwork efficiently. We appreciate your support in checking that your child has their device before they leave the house.

We've also noticed that some **pencil cases are in need of replenishment**. Having the correct equipment is a key part of being prepared for learning. Please take a moment to check your child's pencil case and top up any missing items.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Miss Rebecca Lake (NPQH), Deputy Headteacher



INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

Following the success of our Year 9, 10, and 11 students in the Intermediate Maths Challenge (IMC), we are proud to announce that four of our students were invited to participate in the prestigious follow-on rounds: the Pink and Grey Kangaroo competitions.

Gordon Yui (Year 11), Aleks Koziak (Year 10), and James Maher (Year 10) qualified for the Pink Kangaroo, while Josh King (Year 9) was invited to take part in the Grey Kangaroo. These national-level competitions are offered to high-scoring IMC participants and represent a significant academic challenge.

All four students performed exceptionally well. James Maher earned a **Silver Award**, while Gordon Yui, Aleks Koziak, and Josh King each achieved **Bronze Awards**. These results reflect the students' dedication, problem-solving abilities, and mathematical talent.

As a Maths Department, we are extremely proud to provide our students with such enrichment opportunities and equally proud of their outstanding accomplishments.

In the picture are the four award winners.



Mr J Langenhoven, Maths Enrichment Coordinator

SCHOOL CLUBS - TERM 5

Parents and carers of students received invitations at the end of last term to book clubs for this term. You can see what clubs are running for the upcoming week via the link below.

Please note: · Bookings must be made through the original email invitations sent on Friday 4th April.

Clubs for Term 6 will be sent out on Friday 23rd May.

CLUBS LIST FOR NEXT WEEK

YEAR 11 EXAM PHASES AND SUPPORT

As you will appreciate, this is a very significant time for Year 11. As their examinations approach, the end is in sight, and students realise the importance of working hard in order to achieve the grades of which they are capable. Parents and carers are providing a great deal of support and motivation at home. This letter is to let you know what extra support and revision we are providing in school, and to explain what will be happening in the weeks running up to and during the exam phase.

GCSE Exam Preparation Schedule

Please click the link below for the GCSE Exam Preparation Schedule.

[CLICK HERE FOR EXAM PREPARATION SCHEDULE](#)

Revision Packs

As mentioned to you previously, revision resources for each subject are on FP-Cloud under Raising Achievement and Year 11. Within this site there are links to subject-specific revision websites, revision guides, how to revise tutorials, and past papers with their associated mark schemes and examiners' reports etc. In addition, students are welcome to pick up paper copies of any revision tools, i.e. workbooks, past papers etc from our Raising Achievement department.

Exam Timetables

While students already have access to their exam schedule online via examsassist.co.uk. It is important that students check these thoroughly, so they know when their exams are. Making a copy of this timetable is often a good idea. A public exams handbook for Students and Parents is available to download from the school website for guidance on all aspects of the exams season, as are the official JCQ exam regulations. We recommend that you discuss these with your son/daughter to ensure that they are absolutely clear about expectations of how they conduct themselves during exams.

Exam Phase 1 - Thursday 8.5.25 – Thursday 22.5.25 (inclusive)

There will be a full revision / final preparation programme throughout the exam period, with subject-specific preparation sessions as short a time as possible before the exam.

(This will normally be the afternoon before a morning exam or the morning before an afternoon exam – where it does not clash with another exam.) During *Exam Phase 1*, students will either be in an exam, a revision session for that exam or in their normal lessons. When in normal lessons, students will have a choice of either working with their teacher for that subject or to revise for another subject – quiet study will be expected. However, students will not be expected to attend tutor time and will thus not be required in school until 8.45 if they have a 9.00am exam or 9.10 if they are going to normal lessons or a revision session. When students have an afternoon exam they will be permitted to leave the school site as soon as the exam finishes.

Exam Phase 2 – Friday 23.5.25 – Wednesday 18.6.25 (inclusive)

From Friday 23rd May *Exam Phase 2* starts. During this phase students will attend their exams and the associated revision sessions. When they are not in an exam or a revision session they will have Home Study, where they will be expected to be working at home preparing for their next exam. Access to the library to study during phase 2 is possible for limited number of students, however permission will need to be given by myself or Mr Djaelani in advance. Please contact us if you would like your child to be considered. Mr Wellard-Jeffs and Mr Djaelani will be opening classrooms H4 and H8 each morning for Year 11 students who want to come in early to study before their exams.

In addition to last week's Year 11 assembly focusing on advice and guidance during their exams, students also have access to a range of support resources. Please see the presentation on advice and guidance during exams below plus a link to access to GCSEPod and FP Cloud Resources.

Please take a few moments to review this letter with your child, along with the Year 11 revision resources. If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Djaelani – either by phone (01628 625308) or email (james.dollery@furzeplatt.net and christopher.djaelani@furzeplatt.net).

Kind regards,

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher

[GCSE POD & FP CLOUD REVISION RESOURCES](#)

[EXAM STRESS / ENDURANCE ADVICE & GUIDANCE](#)

THE WEEK AT FURZE PLATT

This week students enjoyed a range of activities:

Year 8 working through their mobility compass followed by their sport/occupation focused workouts displayed are students working through football, military, and climbing....



...while those in our early morning fitness club were chasing that Latissimus Dorsi pump!



Outside, Year 11 students were enjoying some downtime before exams with some collaborative tennis.



A special farewell to Rhys Vann (Year 13) who attended his last Fitness Club today after starting with the club in Year 9!

The club gave him a warm farewell as he heads off to join the Fire Service.



Meanwhile, over in Food and Nutrition, Year 9 students were busy making delicious shepherds pie.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VISITORS

St Giles Trust came to talk to students with a powerful and informative talk on the dangers of gangs, grooming and county lines.



We also welcomed the Army Engagement Ensemble, who thoroughly entertained students and staff with a range of musical performances. The band members were kind enough to talk to us on a variety of themes such as Army Careers, Teamwork, Leadership and Effective Communication.



Our Music students even got to play with the band for versions of Amy Winehouse's 'Valerie' and 'Pink Pony Club' by Chappell Roan.



We look forward to welcoming the band at Furze Platt again soon!



OUT AND ABOUT

Fantastic weather and fabulous teambuilding trip for the Year 11 construction class at Longridge Outdoor Education Centre this week.



A little further away, nearly ninety Year 7 English students had a fascinating day out to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London to find out more about the study of Shakespeare and take part in a workshop with a Globe trained actor!



SKI TRIP 2026: LA THUILE, ITALY



Information was sent out this week via Parentmail for our Ski Trip 2026. Details have also been uploaded to our website (link below).

Please note that the deadline for deposits is 12pm on Friday 16th May 2025.

SKI TRIP 2026

WE'VE GOT IT COVERED – A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

What a night! Our recent *We've Got it Covered* gig in aid of Thames Hospice was a huge success, with over 200 tickets sold, raising an incredible **£8,500** for a truly worthy cause. This far exceeded the original target of £5000! The event was the brainchild of Ed Stearns from Panic Lounge and we couldn't have done it without his vision and leadership.



The evening was packed with banging tunes from Panic Lounge and Crazy Donkey, spanning the decades - from Abba to One Direction, Dolly Parton to Dua Lipa, and Erasure to The Killers - keeping the dance floor alive all night long. A special shout-out to our fantastic piano man, Joe Matthews, whose brilliant playing helped set the tone and kept us entertained between band sets.

Guests enjoyed delicious food from Cuzza Wallah, with drinks flowing from Tommy's Caribbean Bar, and we couldn't have asked for better weather to top it all off.

A huge thank you to everyone who came, danced, donated, and made the night unforgettable. Your support means the world.

A special mention to all the team at Furze Platt - our theatre and tech team, Xander, Simon, Jennifer and Jim and to Blue Sky and Home House for their generous sponsorship.

Want to relive the evening? Check out the link below for the highlights video here from Sparky Film:

[CLICK HERE FOR HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO](#)

200 CLUB

**Winning numbers for Draw 29
on Tuesday 29th April 2025**



[CLICK HERE TO JOIN OUR 200 CLUB](#)

You can read more about the important work our PTFA do here:

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT OUR PTFA](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY

Please could you complete the short survey via the link below to help us find out what social media our parents and carers use - or would prefer to use - so we can ensure our communications channels remain useful and relevant.

Thank you.



SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY 2025



MESSAGE FROM RBWM

STUDENT ABSENCE AND PENALTIES

May 2025

Dear parent/carer,

This communication is to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

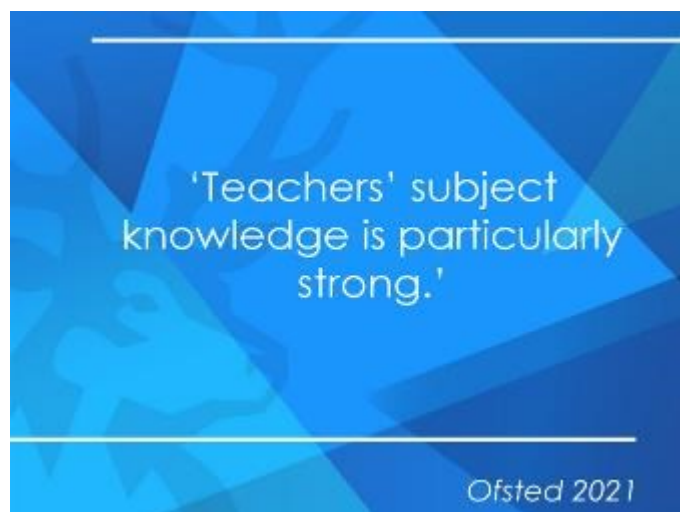
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

The Education Welfare Team



This week Gardening Club 'pinched out' our cosmos seedlings, which we sowed in March, in conjunction with the RHS 'grow with it' campaign. This will encourage side shoots and an abundance of flowers later this term. Then we planted them out in the quad. Next, it was time to take our first 2025 rhubarb harvest. We also send our thanks to the Furze Platt resident who donated our new storage box!





Cover Supervisor

EDV/2025/FPSS/66476

Usually 32.5 hours a week with a start time of 8.30am and finish time of 3.30pm (including half hour unpaid break) Monday to Friday, term time only plus two INSET days. Part time/Job Share/Flexible...

- 📍 Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time/Full-Time
- 💷 £20,732.00 - £22,098.00 Annually (Actual)
depending on experience and pro-rate if part time.



[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

New • Apply by Midnight, Monday 19th May, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

Graduate PE Assistant

EDV/2025/FPSS/86506

Graduate PE Assistant – Fixed Term Contract until July 2026. Commencing September 2025 (or from May 2025 if candidate available) Full time, 37 hours a week – 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday...

- 📍 Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ
- 🕒 Fixed Term | Full-Time
- 💷 £23,603.00 - £25,157.00 Annually (Actual)



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New • Apply by 09:00am, Monday 12th May, 2025

Site Manager

EDV/2025/FPSS/73205

Experienced Site Manager Wanted! Join Furze Platt Senior School to help maintain a safe, secure, and well-presented learning environment. Use your skills in maintenance, security, and site...

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- 🕒 Permanent | Full-Time
- 💷 £29,789.00 - £30,771.00 Annually (Actual)



[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

We are pleased to announce we have just released new dates for our Managing Anxiety and Sensory Processing workshops.

Managing Anxiety	<i>Hosted by The Autism Group:</i> What to do when worries take over. Looking at what causes anxiety & some tried & tested strategies to tackle it.	AUTISM or DUAL SUPPORT For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.	Online:. Tuesday 8th July 2025.	10am - 12pm
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Booking link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-anxiety-tickets-1036681110107?aff=oddtcreator>

Sensory Processing	<i>Hosted by Parenting Special Children:</i> Understanding sensory processing, sensory overload, sensory	AUTISM and or ADHD For Parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.	Online: Wednesday 4th June.	7 - 8.30pm
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Booking link : <https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/sensory-processing-workshop-berkshire-east-jun-2025/>

Adolescence	<i>Hosted by The Autism Group:</i> Understanding & responding to the challenges & changes for par-	AUTISM or DUAL SUPPORT For parents & carers of secondary school aged children - Age 11 plus.	Online: Wednesday 2nd July 2025.	10am - 12pm
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Booking link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adolescence-tickets-1036674420097?aff=oddtcreator>

Sleep - Autism & ADHD	<i>Hosted by Parenting Special Children:</i>	AUTISM and or ADHD For Parents & car-	Online: Tuesday 17th June 2025.	7 - 9pm
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Booking link : <https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/sleep-autism-and-adhd-berkshire-east-june-2025/>

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Girls Year 11 upwards;
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www.taplowchoirs.org.uk.

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07799 413746

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