

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Smartphones

Over the last week we have shared our revised plans for smartphones at FPSS with staff, parents, carers and students. These plans have developed from concerns about the impact of smartphones on children's emotional and mental health, as well as their education. Over the last six to nine months this has been followed up through various meetings, surveys and research. The accounts that we have read and heard from fellow professionals, parents, carers and children have been compelling. Consequently, they have led FPSS school leaders and governors to change our policy. It has been good to share these with parents and carers, as well as take your questions.



I would like to thank all members of our community who have been part of this process and for your support in implementing the new plans being introduced after Half Term.

Goodbye Maxine

This week, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Maxine Carpenter, our Pastoral Manager for Year 8. Over many years Maxine has supported numerous students and their families to be successful academically at FPSS but, as importantly, to grow and thrive as people. Maxine departs FPSS and Maidenhead for new adventures and I am sure that you will join with me in wishing her all the best for the future.

Trips and Visits

Thank you to all Year 10 parents, carers and students for supporting the History visit to the Tower of London this



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

TERM 5 & 6 EVENTS - NEXT WEEK: WEEK 2

TUE 20, WED 21 & FRI 23 MAY	Year 10 Geography to Epping Forest Group 1: Tues Group 2: Weds Group 3: Fri	8am-5pm
TUE 20 MAY	'Dear England' trip to Duchess Theatre	4.30pm - 11.30pm
THU 22 MAY	Year 10 Construction - Warner Bros Studio tour	8am - 3pm
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)	
THU 5 JUNE	PTFA Meeting (Library/Learning Resource Centre) - ALL WELCOME	8-9pm
WED 4 - THU 5 JUNE	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition	
WED 4 - FRI 6 JUNE	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition	
MON 9 - THU 12 JUNE	Year 8 Residential trip to Wales	

SCHOOL TERM DATES

week. When I met them getting off the coaches, students were incredibly positive about the visit having enjoyed touring the White Tower, Bloody Tower and seeing the Crown Jewels.

Next week sees many more of our students out on trips and I hope they all have an equally positive experience.

Exams

Thank you to all our students who continue to conduct themselves incredibly well around their examinations. Keep focused and please do ask for support when needed.

Take care,

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

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK YEAR 13!

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The sun was shining for our leavers' farewell on Friday as Year 13 students and staff brought movie and TV characters to life plus bananas, pirates, minions, and Elsa & Olaf completing some titrations!

A fantastic afternoon full of fun and laughter, celebrating two brilliant years together at Furze Platt. Sixth Form. Exams are next - we're behind you all the way!

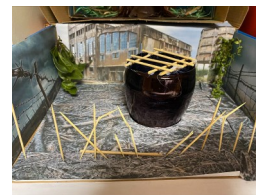


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PERFORMING ARTS



Last term a group of talented Year 9 students produced some design ideas using 'stage in a box'. This was for the play 'DNA' by Dennis Kelly which Year 9 were exploring. We were overwhelmed by their effort and skill in these stage designs which were for the last scene of the play. Well done to the students involved and these are on display in Drama.



LAMDA

The LAMDA exam is booked for Friday 27th June.

Mrs Kalinowski has sent out an email regarding fees.

LAMDA

SUMMER SHOWCASE

Our Summer Showcase event is coming up in July which is an evening of music and drama from clubs and lessons from the year. In the coming weeks, students will be approached by their teachers about performing. If students want to perform either a piece of music or drama, then please do approach your teachers.

Mrs K Kalinowski | Head of Performing Arts

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS



We are always happy to accept uniform donations for clean clothing in good condition, which can be dropped off in Main Reception.

Thank you for your support.

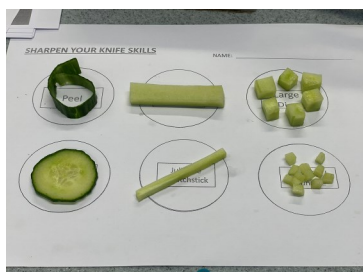


THE WEEK AT FURZE PLATT

This week students have been cutting, slicing, dicing, baking, sawing and crocheting (amongst many other activities) - just a typical week here at Furze Platt!

Year 7 students were busy practising their sawing skills in Design Technology with Mrs Jacobs; a brilliant session full of focus, creativity and hands-on learning.

Over in Food Tech, more of our Year 7 cohort were with Ms Jessop practising key knife skills - peeling, the batonnet, large dicing, slicing, and showing off their julienne and brunoise skills.

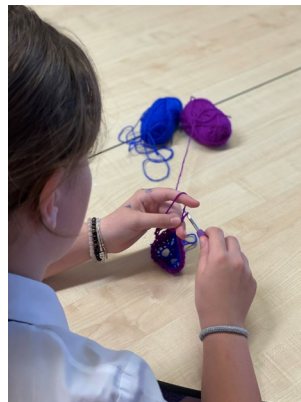


Later in the week, the delicious aroma of oat wholemeal cookies filled the hallways around Food Tech.

Hopefully some made it home to parents and carers (although it may be unlikely...)!



Still bringing creative flow to the fore, Crochet Club was in full swing this week with the brilliant Ms Slater, one of our fantastic TAs! One student is making a special gift for their tutor - using their laptop to follow the pattern. Laptop for learning in action!





We're excited to share that four of our student-run businesses have been officially accepted by the **Peter Jones Foundation** to take part in this year's **Tycoon competition**.

This is a fantastic achievement and we are incredibly proud of the creativity, effort and entrepreneurial spirit shown by all involved! This initiative is part of our wider strategy to stretch and challenge our **more able learners** through **real-world, high-level opportunities**.

As part of the application process, each team was required to submit a detailed business plan. The Peter Jones Foundation reviews all applications carefully and only accepts those that are **rigorously planned, clearly costed, and well thought through**.

To have four teams approved is a real testament to the students' hard work and ambition.

The successful teams are:



Pop Palette

selling digital art

Antoinette Lucas and Nadia Dominte



PluschyCro

selling
crochet
products

*Amna Syeda,
Fifi Loveridge,
Fifi Wong,
Jiana Chan,
Uswa Azam,
Erin Banks*



Blitzing Brownies

selling brownies

*Ethan Winton, Seb
Sutehall, Ciaran Farrell,
Kian Weaver, Ethan Hunt,
Mali Batchelor*



Balloon Bakes

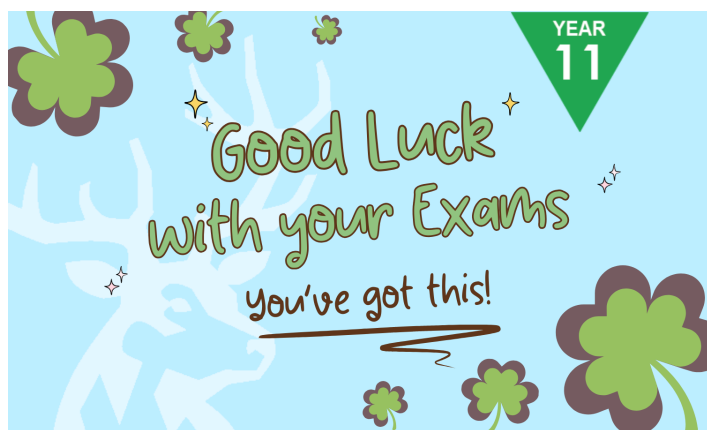
selling bake-at-home
packs

*Daniya Hmeid, Chloe
Henry, Chloe Spencer,
Rachel Lewis, Sarina
Miir, Eliza Cannon,
Sienna Cooper, Eszter
Fixler*

These students are now in the final stages of refining their business plans and will begin trading over the coming weeks.

The experience offers a unique opportunity to develop practical business skills and gain first-hand insight into running a company.





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](#)

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

SPORTS AND PE



Students made great use of our sports facilities this week with Morning Fitness club going through their pre workout band protocol to prime and ready their bodies.



Students moved on to week 4 of their personal exercise plans for sport and occupations. Today's lift was the shoulder press.




This week also saw a Hurdling masterclass delivered by Year 12 student Sophie McLachlan at Monday's Athletics Club. Ambition shown from all students. Not a single student avoided the challenge and there were some impressive performances on show at the end!



FURZE PLATT TEN

BE READY TO LEARN



1. Black Pens
2. Pencils
3. Ruler
4. Eraser
5. Pencil Sharpener
6. Scientific Calculator
7. Highlighter
8. Maths Set
9. Glue Stick
10. Fully Charged Laptop

PUT THEM ALL IN A PENCIL CASE



TRIPS AND VISITS ABROAD



SKI TRIP 2026: LA THUILE, ITALY

Information has been sent out 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 23rd May 2025**.

SKI TRIP 2026

GREECE TRIP 2025: ARGOSTOLI

It was fantastic to see many of our Year 10 parents at the Greece conservation trip information evening recently. A wonderful personal development opportunity awaits some of our young people with some amazing memories in the making.

Full details of this year's Greece trip can be found on the presentation below:

GREECE TRIP 2025



OUT AND ABOUT



Miss Carty's Year 9 and 10 groups had a great day out in London in gloriously sunny weather to practice a range of skills including map reading, Spanish speaking, team work and leadership skills!



SCHOOL CLUBS - TERM 5

Please see the link below for the last clubs list of this term.

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

CLUBS LIST FOR NEXT WEEK

YEAR 11 BUSINESS REVISION

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A final look at our Year 11 Business Studies students, focused and ready in their business exam briefing before their exam.



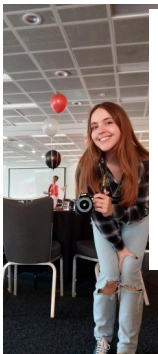
STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHER SHINES AT EVENT



Livia Silva, Year 13 Photography student, was approached to be the photographer for Maidenhead Athletic Club's Junior and Senior Awards, held at the Odney Club in Cookham at the end of April.

This is a great step towards running her own business!

Well done to Livia and all the award winners.



YONDR PRESENTATION

Please see the link below for a copy of the presentation held earlier this week.



[CLICK HERE FOR YONDR PRESENTATION](#)

NOTICE FROM OUR COMMUNITY WARDENS



Community Alert

Community Wardens have made local schools aware of a derelict building in the local area. We have been asked to share with parents the potential risks, as it is believed children within the RBWM community have been accessing the property and risking their safety.

The property has suffered considerable fire damage and therefore poses a Health and Safety risk to anyone who is to enter.

Please remind your children of these risks of entering abandoned buildings and be vigilant to where your children are spending their free time. The Police and Fire Service will be working collaboratively to protect the safety of the community regarding this property.



PTFA MEETING: THURSDAY 5TH JUNE, 8PM
ALL WELCOME

Our next PTFA meeting takes place on Thursday 5th June at 8pm in the School Library / Learning Resource Centre.

The PTFA plays an important role in the school community and all parents/carers, friends and staff - as members of the PTFA - are invited to attend. The Committee welcomes new ideas and suggestions to raise funds for our children.

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

If you cannot make the meeting but would like to support the school you can join our 200 Club, where three lucky winners will win £200 at draws four times a year.

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

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 5th June.

Many thanks,

Your PTFA





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)



[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

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...

- 📍 Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ
- 🕒 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	<p><i>Hosted by The Autism Group:</i></p> <p>Booking link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-anxiety-tickets-1036681110107?aff=oddtcreator</p>	<p>AUTISM or DUAL SUPPORT</p> <p>For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.</p>	<p>Online: Tuesday 8th July 2025.</p>	10am - 12pm
Sensory Processing	<p><i>Hosted by Parenting Special Children:</i></p> <p>Booking link https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/sensory-processing-workshop-berkshire-east-jun-2025/</p>	<p>AUTISM and or ADHD</p> <p>For Parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.</p>	<p>Online: Wednesday 4th June.</p>	7 - 8.30pm
Adolescence	<p><i>Hosted by The Autism Group:</i></p> <p>Booking link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adolescence-tickets-1036674420097?aff=oddtcreator</p>	<p>AUTISM or DUAL SUPPORT</p> <p>For parents & carers of secondary school aged children - Age 11 plus.</p>	<p>Online: Wednesday 2nd July 2025.</p>	10am - 12pm
Sleep - Autism & ADHD	<p><i>Hosted by Parenting Special Children:</i></p> <p>Booking link https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/sleep-autism-and-adhd-berkshire-east-june-2025/</p>	<p>AUTISM and or ADHD</p> <p>For Parents & carers of pre school, primary & secondary school aged children.</p>	<p>Online: Tuesday 17th June 2025.</p>	7 - 9pm




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MAIDENHEAD FESTIVAL

SOUND LAB

UNLEASH YOUR INNER MUSICIAN AT THE SOUND LAB!

This May Half Term, dive into the world of music at Maidenhead Festival's Sound Lab—a fun, hands-on experience for all ages!



Dates: Tues 27th – Thurs 29th May 2025
Time: 10am – 3pm
Location: Nicholson Shopping Centre

FREE ENTRY

- Try instruments like trumpets, clarinets, saxophones, flutes, and pianos
- Join The Piano Sessions – showcase your talent, inspired by Channel 4's The Piano
- Ukulele Workshops – Wednesday 28th from 1.30pm
- Fun for all—kids and adults welcome!



Don't miss this chance to explore music and discover your hidden talents!



JOIN OUR FOREST SCHOOL



Maidenhead Forest Fun is Looking for volunteers

Our forest fun sessions are held twice a month at Braywick Nature Centre on Saturday mornings 08.00-12.00.

These sessions are great fun and bring lots of benefits to our children and young people being in the great outdoors.

We would like our volunteers to:

- Love and feel connected
- Adventurous
- Understand the benefits of children and young people being outside
- Comfortable with risky play

Training provided / DBS required / chance to be trained to deliver Forest Fun sessions.

If you feel you have what it takes, please email be-pct.socialprescribing@nhs.net

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