

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Smartphones

On Thursday we handed out the new phone pouches ready for the start of Term 6. Many thanks to all parents, carers, students and staff for their support as we launch a phone-free FPSS.



Please could all parents and carers remind students that the pouch is part of our equipment expectations when they arrive at school each morning from Monday 2nd June.

Goodbye Jane

Today is very sadly the last day at FPSS for our librarian, Jane Wevill. Jane has been with us for over 20 years and will be much missed by colleagues and the many students who she has supported and nurtured over her time with us. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing Jane all the best on her retirement.

Trips and Visits

Thank you to all staff, parents, carers, and students who supported our Geography fieldwork in Epping Forest, visit to Harry Potter World and trip to see Dear England at the National Theatre.

There was a lot of excitement from students attending these visits and I trust that they were enjoyable and educational experiences.

Little Green Change

I was delighted to read the article written by one of our Year 8 students, Mya Birk, in the Little Green Change magazine

<https://littlegreenchange.com/magazine/>.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

TERM 6 EVENTS - WEEK 1MON 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

Mya writes passionately about Global Warming and it is fantastic to see her living our ACHIEVE values and being a powerful advocate for change.

**Half Term**

As we reach the end of Term 5, I would like to thank all our students and staff for their efforts since Easter. For most, next week represents a well-deserved break. However, for our examination students next week represents a chance to take stock and prepare for the exams at the start of June. Thank you for all you will do at home to support them and please do remind students that their break, a very long 10-12 week break, is happening as soon as the exams conclude.

Take care,

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

TERM 5 SPARX WINNERS

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievements of the top two students in Years 7-10 for Term 5.

Your consistent effort, determination, and dedication to Sparx Maths have truly set you apart.

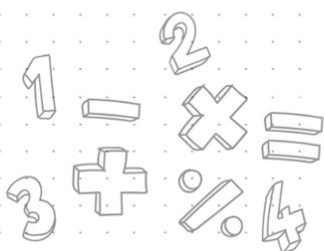
A huge congratulations to all our Term 5 winners - keep up the amazing work!

Miss Rebecca Lake (NPQH)

Deputy Headteacher



YEAR 7 1 KEHAN K 2 ANNA B 3 THEHAN K 4 CHLOE N 5 ZAKARIYA Q	YEAR 8 1 MEYORA DS 2 VEANNA W 3 THOMAS D 4 OLIVER W 5 MIKOLAJ N
YEAR 9 1 JIANA C 2 ETHAN W 3 YUI PL 4 AMAAN B 5 LINDIWE M	YEAR 10 1 MATHEW C 2 MILEY K 3 BARNEY H 4 JAMES M 5 TIM B



HIGHLIGHTING THE BENEFITS OF CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE



Succeed and Achieve

We understand that sometimes absences are unavoidable, but we strongly encourage you to make every effort to ensure your child is in school every day.

A big 'thank you' to all of the parents who are working hard to support their child's attendance. Well done to those students who will be awarded with their 25 positive points for 100% attendance for the first half of Summer term.

Attendance Reminders

If your child arrives after 9:30am we are required to mark them as having unauthorised absence for the whole morning - arriving after 9:30am once in a week brings their attendance down to 90% for that week.

New attendance policies (from Aug 2024) include changes to the rules regarding term-time leave. If you plan to take your child out of school during term time, please request leave of absence in **advance** (available on our website 'term time absence' form) and provide a valid reason.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

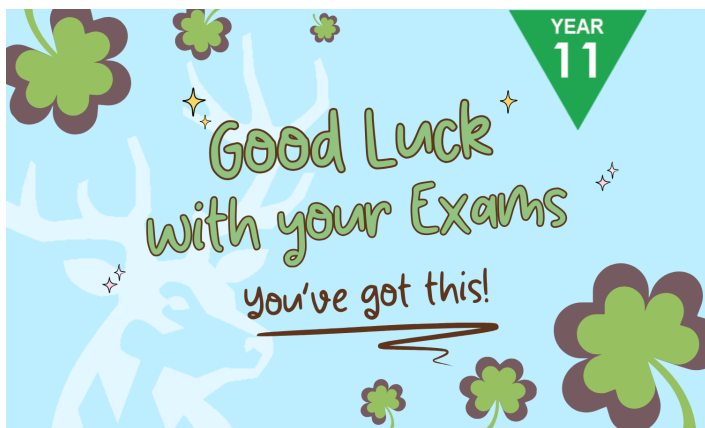
How much learning could **YOU** be missing?



Summer symptoms

Hayfever symptoms like sneezing, runny nose and itchy eyes are often manageable and generally do not require keeping a student at home. Antihistamines and other treatments can help ease symptoms allowing students to attend school and maintain their education.

We appreciate your cooperation in working with us, offering students the opportunity to succeed and achieve in school.



GCSE Exam Preparation Schedule

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

[CLICK HERE FOR EXAM PREPARATION SCHEDULE](#)

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

TERM 6 CLUBS

Parents and carers of students in all year should have received invitations to (Friday) to book clubs for their son/daughter. The email was headed Furze Platt Senior the clubs your son or daughter would like to attend. We do encourage them to try as many as they are interested in – with over 60 clubs and academic clinics we are sure they will find a number of activities they really enjoy!

A list of clubs is updated every Friday afternoon on our website here:

[CLUBS LIST FOR TERM 6](#)

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

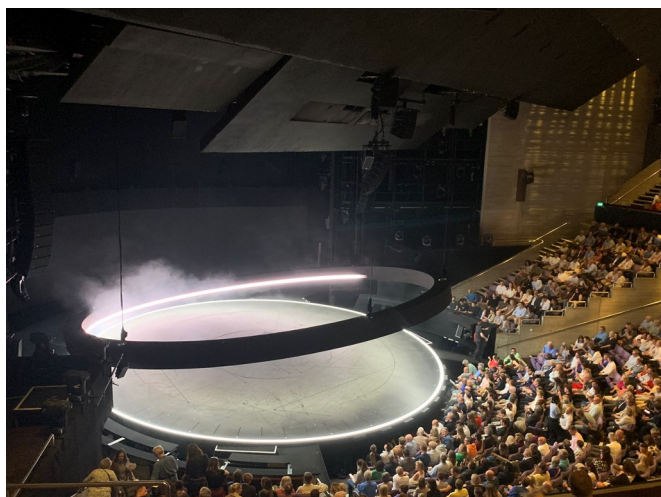
We are always happy to accept uniform donations for clean clothing in good condition, which can be dropped off in Main Reception next term.



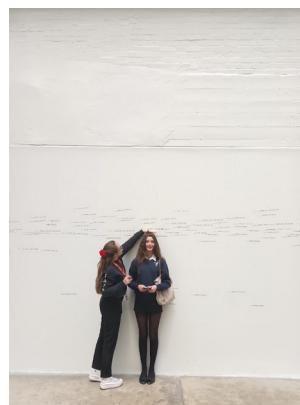
Thank you for your support.

OUT AND ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TRIPS AND VISITS

Drama students from Year 10 and Sixth Form went to see the award winning 'Dear England' last night at the National Theatre. Stunning staging and fantastic performances throughout!



Last Friday our Year 10 Art students recently had a wonderful day out at London's Tate Modern, aimed at supporting working towards their assessment objectives as well as in depth real life experience of the arts world.



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'The school is rightly proud of its extra-curricular provision.'

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YEAR 10 TRIP TO THE WORLD OF HARRY POTTER STUDIOS

Nearly 100 of our Year 10 students were lucky enough to visit 'The Making of Harry Potter' at the Warner Bros Studio Tour on Thursday, aimed at helping students understand how design and construction can be applied practice in other professions.



YEAR
10

Well done to our Year 10 students who demonstrated all our ACHIEVE values and represented the school wonderfully.

Thank you to Miss Carty for organising the trip and thank you also to so many of our staff for helping out on this and all the other amazing visits we do.

There are many more exciting events to come for Furze Platt students in June and July!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCIENCE

In the softly humming light of the science lab, Mrs Malanchuck and the club gathered around a tray lined with Petri dishes. Each clear plate held a tiny world borrowed from a corner of the school - Mr Barrett's feet, Theo's water bottle, the water fountain in the corridor, the toilets!. Overnight, rainbows of colonies unfurled: ivory circles like moons, amber filaments creeping like roots, and pinpricks of emerald that glowed under the lamp. We traded excited whispers, pointing out fuzzy tufts that smelled faintly of cheese and slimy clusters redolent of damp earth. With every new swab, we charted a living map of our campus, marvelling at the beauty of these unseen inhabitants.



Peering through our watch glasses, we watched rods wriggle, spirals spin, and spheres cluster in tight-knit families. It was a vivid reminder that the same communities flourish within us, too. From the

microbes in our stomachs to the ones on our teeth, we are homes to millions of unique and diverse organisms that help our bodies digest, defend, and thrive. As we documented our plates - snapshots of the microbial world - we discovered not only the life teeming around us, but also the life teeming inside, binding our school and ourselves in an intricate web of tiny allies.

NEC - BIG BANG SCIENCE FAIR Tuesday 17th June



Get ready to ignite your curiosity - on **Tuesday, June 17th**, our budding scientists in Years 7, 8 and 9 will descend upon the NEC Birmingham for the annual **Big Bang Science Fair!** We'll board the coach in the morning, fuelled by anticipation, eager to dive into a universe of cutting-edge exhibits and hands-on demos.



Imagine wandering through neon-lit aisles where robotic arms challenge each other to ping-pong duels, VR headsets whisk you to Martian canyons, and bioreactors glow with green fuel made from algae. You'll meet young innovators from across the region, sample gooey polymers (please don't taste them), and cheer on school teams as they battle it out in a makeshift robot sumo ring. Best of all, you'll collect sparks of inspiration to power your own classroom experiments all year long.

Trip details:

- **Date:** Tuesday, 17 June 2025
- **Departure:** 10:45 AM from the school coach bay
- **Return:** Approximately 5:30 PM
- **Bring:** Packed lunch, water bottle, and your most adventurous spirit!

Seats are limited - signing up for the science fair guarantees you a seat on the bus.

Please see Parentmail for more information.



Year 7 exploring voltage in science with Mr Wright — laptops out, minds switched on!



Our students put their engineering skills to the test on Friday in Greenpower Club, led by Mr Wright and Mr Barrett — sunshine, collaboration, and innovation all in action!

[SEE THE VIDEOS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE](#)



Tick, Tock, Lab Clock:

Countdown to the Science Fair on Monday 7th July at 5pm, for Years 7, 8 and 9.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR COUNTDOWN CLOCK!](#)

'I've had so many fantastic chats about your project ideas. I can't wait to see your hard work on 7th July - let's make it the best fair ever!'

Dr Wyatt, Head of KS3 Science.



'Colour Me Impressed: Year 12's Chromatography Crusade in the RSC Analyst Competition'

Great work from Year 12 Science students who have been hard at work creating a video for the RSC Analyst Competition:

[CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR CHROMATOGRAPHY VIDEO!](#)



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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.

In the meantime, have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes,

Miss Rebecca Lake (NPQH), Deputy Headteacher

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

FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL



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






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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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