

**MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome Back**

It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to Term 6 this week. While the last of the year, the term is always a busy one full of activities, events and trips. I look forward to hearing about students' adventures as the term progresses.



Monday also marked the start of our new smartphone policy, and I would like to thank parents for their support. As you can imagine, students have been adjusting to the new norm, and I would like to thank the vast majority for adapting to the change so swiftly.

**Examinations**

Well done to all our students who are working so hard on their examinations. Alongside our Key Stage 4 and 5 students, our Year 9 students have also had exams this week. I hope they get the results that their work deserves.

**Duke of Edinburgh**

With less than perfect timing the weather has changed this week as our students embark on their DoE expeditions camping and hiking from Wednesday onwards. Despite some rain, I hope that students had an amazing experience taking the opportunity to develop character skills beyond school.

**Next Week**

We start next week with a couple of contrasting but important experiences for our Year 8 and 9 students. On Monday our Year 9s have the impactful Prison Me No Way event which is always hard hitting, but important, in

**UPCOMING EVENTS****ALL EVENTS****TERM 6 EVENTS - WEEK 2**

<b>MON 9</b> JUNE	Year 9 Prison Me No Way event	
<b>MON 9 - THU 12</b> JUNE	Year 8 Residential trip to Wales	
<b>WED 18</b> JUNE	Year 11 Graduation	4.30- 6.30pm
<b>THU 19</b> JUNE	Year 11 Prom	7-10.30pm
<b>MON 23</b> JUNE	Year 5 Open Morning (1)	
<b>MON 23 - WED 25</b> JUNE	Year 10 Work Experience	
<b>THU 26 &amp; FRI 27</b> JUNE	Year 12 Taster Days	
<b>TUE 1 &amp; WED 2</b> JULY	Year 6 Taster Days	
<b>WED 2</b> JULY	Performing Arts Summer Showcase	
<b>WED 2 - FRI 4</b> <b>THUR 3 - FRI 4</b> JULY	- Silver DofE Assessment - Bronze DofE Assessment	
<b>WED 2 - FRI 11</b> JULY	Year 10 trip to Greece	
<b>TUE 8</b> JULY	Year 5 Open Morning (2)	
<b>THU 10</b> JULY	Art Show	4.30 - 7pm
<b>SUN 13 - WED 16</b> JULY	Year 12 Geography trip to Nettlecombe	
<b>THU 10</b> JULY	Sports Awards Evening	6.30- 7.30pm
<b>FRI 18</b> JULY	<b>Last Day of Term 6</b>	<b>Finish</b> <b>12.30pm</b>
<b>WED 3</b> SEPT	<b>Start of Term 1 for Year 7 and 12</b>	
<b>THU 4</b> SEPT	<b>Start of Term 1 for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13</b>	

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teaching students about crime, especially those around teenagers, and the prison system.

In contrast, around 100 of our Year 8 students are on the Wales trip and I wish them all the best on their adventure. If last year is anything to go by, it is a wonderful enriching experience.

Take care,

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

## RESIDENTIAL TRIPS 2026

### TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE: PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Come along and meet our partners from Flooglebinder to learn more about the adventures on offer next year.

**Wales 2026 residential:** 6pm – 6.45pm in the School Theatre, open to all current Year 7 students.



**Greece Turtle Conservation Project 2026:** 7pm – 7.45 pm in the School Theatre, open to all current Year 9 students.



## JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE REPORT

On May 1st, 120 of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the prestigious Junior Maths Challenge (JMC), and once again, our students demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication. The results from the competition were a testament to their hard work and commitment, as more than half of those entered received awards.

### Award Breakdown:

- **Gold Awards:** 7 students
- **Silver Awards:** 22 students
- **Bronze Awards:** 50 students

This impressive achievement reflects not only the talent of our students but also the effective preparation they received leading up to the event.



### Special Mentions:

- **Hayden Appleyard (Year 8):** Hayden was awarded the highest honour in the school, earning the title of *Best in School*. His outstanding performance qualified him for the *Junior Maths Olympiad*, which will take place on June 10th.
- **Reuben Cranch (Year 8):** Reuben's excellence also shone through, as he qualified for the *Junior Kangaroo Challenge*, another prestigious event also scheduled for June 10th.



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Our students truly embodied the *ACHIEVE* values of FPSS throughout their preparation and participation in the JMC. These values - Ambition, Collaboration, Happy, Integrity, Endurance, Versatility, and Excellence - were demonstrated both in their approach to the competition and in the way they supported one another.

A significant part of their preparation was the lunchtime club, where students gathered to work through JMC past papers. This collaborative environment led to improved performance from our students compared to previous years, showcasing their dedication and collective effort.

As a Maths department, we take immense pride in providing such enrichment opportunities to our students. This serves not only as a platform to challenge their mathematical abilities but also as an opportunity to develop teamwork and problem-solving skills. The performance of our students in this competition is a source of great pride, and we are thrilled to see them continue to excel.

We congratulate all participants in the Junior Maths Challenge and extend our heartfelt congratulations to those who received awards. Special recognition goes to Hayden Appleyard and Reuben Cranch, who have qualified for the next round of challenges.

We look forward to seeing their continued success as they represent our school in the Junior Maths Olympiad and Junior Kangaroo Challenge.

This report highlights both the remarkable achievements of our students and the crucial role that teamwork, preparation, and dedication played in their success.

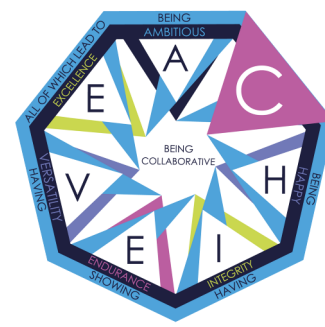
We are excited to continue supporting their mathematical journeys and celebrating their accomplishments.

Mr J Langenhoven  
(Maths Enrichment Coordinator)



## TERM 5 SUPERSTARS!

Well done to our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Term 5 Star Student winners and our Term 5 Reading Champions! Your effort, determination, and dedication to our Achieve values have been truly inspiring. We're incredibly proud of you - keep up the fantastic work!



## PRISON ME NO WAY!

On Monday, 9th June, the whole of Year 9 will be involved in a day run by Prison, Me? No Way!



This will be our third year hosting this fantastic group, who will run sessions all day for Year 9 students. Sessions range from listening to an ex-offender discuss choices, to seeing a prison cell in a van, the day includes the Red Cross teaching basic first aid, sessions about One Punch, and County Lines, as well as domestic abuse and GWR. In total PMNW are running 10 sessions for Furze Platt, with tutor groups attending 5 of these across the day.

This is going to be a fantastic day for our Year 9 students exploring social and moral issues, and we look forward to sharing photos and student experiences in next week's newsletter.

Miss L Stirling, Head of PSHE

## TERM 6 CLUBS

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations last week (Friday) to book clubs for their son/daughter this term. 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 nearly 50 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



## 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?

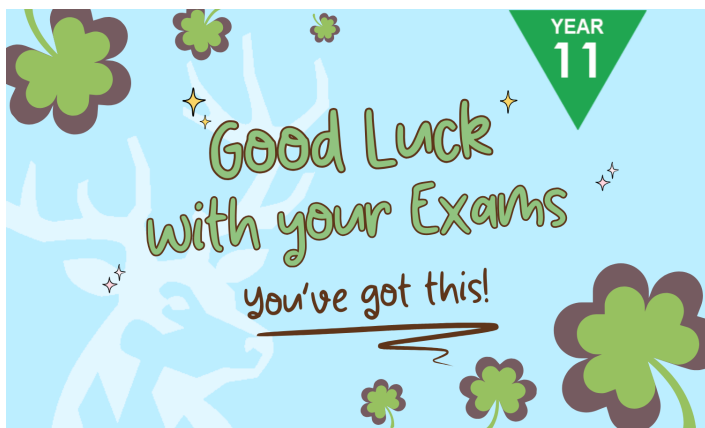


### Summer symptoms

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](https://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](mailto:james.dollery@furzeplatt.net) and [christopher.djaelani@furzeplatt.net](mailto:christopher.djaelani@furzeplatt.net)).

Kind regards,

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher



## YEAR 11 CONSTRUCTION



Congratulations to our Year 11 Construction students who were presented with certificates from a representative at SATRO, who are an educational charity delivering the course at FPSS.



Education Charity

A special mention for Muhammad Ali (pictured) and Jayden Cohen who were given recognition for being the most improved students throughout the course. We are very proud of your achievements and wish you all the best as you pursue construction related courses at college.



## GARDENING CLUB

Thank you to all our members who demonstrated such enthusiasm while enjoying an action packed time planting up the new vegetable trug in the learning support garden.



The chives we sowed in April and the other plants (tomatoes, courgettes and calendula) came from a seedling swap hosted by Maidenhead's Eco Hub or were generously donated, such as the vegetable trug itself!

Many thanks to all the people who support us.

We are always delighted to receive any gardening related tools or plants that the wider community would like to give us.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS



We are also 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 UK-wide celebration of all teaching and support staff is back.

National Thank a Teacher Day will be celebrated on Wednesday 18th June!



As always, we will be celebrating all the amazing teaching and support staff at Furze Platt Senior School - from the Pastoral Managers to the Learning Support Assistants and Administration Staff. They deserve the spotlight for everything they do to keep things running smoothly.

Want to make someone's day? If you know a special teacher, dedicated support staff member or even a whole school team, let them know how grateful you are by sending a free e-card on the [Thank a Teacher website](#). Remember click to send it on 'Yes, send on Thank a Teacher day!'

Best wishes,

Miss Rebecca Lake (NPQH)

Deputy Headteacher



## THANK YOU TO OUR PTFA!

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 their meetings. The Committee welcomes new ideas and suggestions to raise funds for our children.

At last night's meeting a range of funding and events were discussed that will benefit students in all year groups; more details will be in next week's newsletter.

Fundraising by the PTFA is a vital part of enabling our staff to provide over and above for our students.

If you 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.



*Thank You*  
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FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT



**CLICK HERE TO JOIN OUR 200 CLUB**

**CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT OUR PTFA**

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PUT THEM ALL IN A PENCIL CASE





**FURZE PLATT**  
SENIOR SCHOOL

**Open Evening**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025  
All welcome, no booking required.



**Open Morning School Tours**  
Tours available on the following dates:  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9.05-10.10am  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 9.05 – 10.10am

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