

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 8 Visit to Wales

Approaching half of our Year 8 students have spent most of the week in Wales, returning to us on Friday with many tales of their adventures. It sounds like an amazing week of activities and camaraderie.



Thank you to all staff, parents and carers whose contributions helped create such a memorable week for our students. Photos from this trip can be found on page 5.

Prison Me No Way

I hope that Year 9 parents and carers had some interesting conversations on Monday evening following the Prison Me No Way event. Students engaged with talks and activities run by people with experience of the prison system and crime. It was an incredibly thought-provoking day which I hope students learned a lot from. Some of their experiences can be found on page 7.

Year 11 Graduation and Prom

Next Wednesday I look forward to welcoming the Mayor, along with all our Year 11 students and their families for their Graduation. This is always a fantastic event full of emotion as we say goodbye to students and their parents. It is followed the next day by our Year 11 Prom where students have the opportunity to celebrate the end of their exams and Key Stage 4. I am sure there will be many glamorous outfits on display!

Smartphones

Finally, I would like to thank the many students, parents and carers who have so quickly adapted to a smartphone free FPSS. While there has been the occasional



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

TERM 6 EVENTS - WEEK 1

WED 18 JUNE	Year 11 Graduation	4.30- 6.30pm
THU 19 JUNE	Year 11 Prom	7-10.30pm
MON 23 JUNE	Year 5 Open Morning (1)	
MON 23 - WED 25 JUNE	Year 10 Work Experience	
THU 26 & FRI 27 JUNE	Year 12 Taster Days	
TUE 1 & WED 2 JULY	Year 6 Taster Days	
WED 2 JULY	Performing Arts Summer Showcase	
WED 2 - FRI 4 THUR 3 - FRI 4 JULY	- Silver DofE Assessment - Bronze DofE Assessment	
WED 2 - FRI 11 JULY	Year 10 trip to Greece	
TUE 8 JULY	Year 5 Open Morning (2)	
THU 10 JULY	Art Show	4.30 - 7pm
THU 10 JULY	Sports Awards	6.30- 7.30pm
FRI 11 JULY	'It's a Knockout' & Non-Uniform Day fundraisers for Thames Hospice	
SAT 12 JULY	PTFA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale	11am-1pm
SUN 13 - WED 16 JULY	Year 12 Geography trip to Nettlecombe	
FRI 18 JULY	Last Day of Term 6	Finish 12.30pm
WED 3 SEPT	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 and 12	
THU 4 SEPT	Start of Term 1 for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025-26

confiscation and consequence, in the main we have been very impressed with how students have adapted. It is early days but staff are commenting on an improved environment within school, and we aim to build on this in future weeks and months.

Take care,

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

NON-UNIFORM (MUFTI) DAY AND 'IT'S A KNOCKOUT' FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN AID OF THAMES HOSPICE CHARITY FRIDAY 11TH JULY



We have launched this summer's fundraising campaign to raise £10,000 to help Thames Hospice continue with the amazing work it does every day of the year in support of our community.



This year, on Friday 11th July, we are bringing a version of an old favourite TV programme to Furze Platt – It's a Knockout! The 'We're a Knockout' company will transform our lower field into an inflatable arena full of obstacles, games, contests, puzzles and stalls.

Teams of students can participate; please see Parentmail for full details and how to enter.

In addition to the It's a Knockout fundraising activity, we will be operating a non-uniform (mufti) day on the 11th July, for which we would ask for students wearing non-uniform to make a £2 donation wherever possible. Those participating in our 'It's a Knockout' activity do not need to pay this unless they would like to.

Payments for both events should be made via Parentmail - Payments - Shop.

While students will be wearing their own clothes, please be aware that we do expect them to dress appropriately. There should be no offensive slogans, crop tops, onesies, costumes, backless/halter-neck tops or camisole style tops. Skirts/shorts should be of a suitable length to the knee and shoes or trainers (not flip-flops or open back sandals) should be suitable for a day at school. We request no fashion or cultural headwear should be worn, only religious head coverings as per our usual uniform policy.

Should students or parents/carers wish to donate but would rather not take part in the Knockout event, please feel free to use the Just Giving page (link below).

Thank you.

[DONATE HERE](#)

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE



In addition to our report last week, a special mention to **Tawana Nyerenyere (Year 7)**: Tawana's outstanding performance earned him the title of *Best in Year 7*, along with a well-deserved *Gold Award*.

SUMMER TERM UNIFORM UPDATE



With the current warm weather expected to continue and temperatures set to rise further next week, it looks like summer is finally upon us. In light of the forecast, blazers will not be compulsory for students from Monday 16th June until the end of term.

However, please note the following important points:

- All other uniform expectations remain unchanged, including shirts tucked in, appropriate skirt lengths, and rules regarding jewellery.
- If an extra layer is needed, the blazer must be worn before school jumpers or coats.
- Hoodies and all other non-zip-up tops are strictly prohibited.

Uniform standards will continue to be monitored, and C1s will still be issued for any infringements.

We would appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations with your children.

Please also encourage students to bring a water bottle and take steps to stay cool as the temperatures rise.

Full uniform, including compulsory blazers, will resume in September.

Miss Rebecca Lake (NPQH), Deputy Headteacher

NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY

WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE



We're delighted that the UK-wide celebration of all teaching and support staff is back!

National Thank a Teacher Day takes place on **Wednesday 18th June**, and we'll be marking the occasion here at Furze Platt Senior School.

From our brilliant Teachers, Pastoral Team, Site Staff and Learning Support Assistants to our hardworking Administration Staff, we'll be recognising the incredible efforts of every member of our team who helps keep the school running smoothly each and every day.

Want to help make someone's day? If you'd like to show your appreciation for a particular teacher, support staff member, or even a whole team, you can send a free thank you e-card via the Thank a Teacher website via the link below. Don't forget to tick the option: **'Yes, send on Thank a Teacher Day!'**

Warm wishes,
Miss Rebecca Lake (NPQH)
Deputy Headteacher

THANK A TEACHER HERE

YEAR 11 PROM AND GRADUATION

Year 11 Graduation, Wednesday 18th June: 3.30pm for students, 4pm for parents/carers and families (for a 4.30pm prompt start)

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 18th June for our Year 11 Graduation. Please remember to bring a bottle of water with you, particularly if it ends up being as hot as it was last year! Students are expected to arrive at 3.30pm in full smart school uniform, with parents and families here at 4pm.

Please note that students who are not wearing the correct full uniform (e.g. wearing trainers, without a tie or school trousers/skirt) will not be permitted to participate in the event. To

avoid disappointment, please ensure your child is wearing full smart school uniform.

Year 11 Prom, Thursday 19th June: 19:00 - 22.30pm, Windsor Racecourse (Riverbank Marquee SL4 5JJ) -

Students who have already purchased tickets for the Prom are reminded dress is formal wear. There will be an official photographer, a photo booth and a bar selling soft drinks – please note that it is a cashless bar, so students will need to bring their bank card with them.

We hope you and your son / daughter enjoy these events.

YEAR 11 EXAM PHASES AND SUPPORT

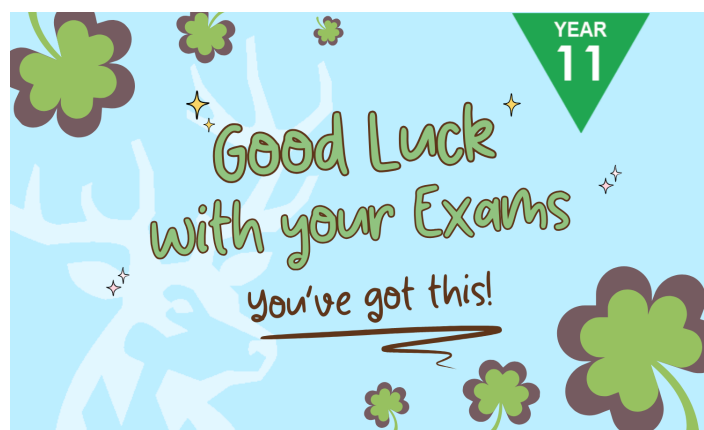
GCSE Exam Preparation Schedule

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

Students will attend their exams and revision sessions. or 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.

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher



NEXT WEEK'S MENUS

Students can find the menus for next week's lunches under Core Information for Students / Canteen in FP Cloud.

How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

Equipping your child with effective stress-management techniques will help your child to navigate their revision and assessments with a clearer mind.

For more details see Parentmail or book via the link below.

ELEVATE EDUCATION - BOOK HERE FOR FREE WEBINAR

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS 2026**TUESDAY 24TH 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.

**PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE****WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY 7-8PM****Ticket bookings open Friday 20th June at 4pm**

This years' Performing Arts Summer Showcase will be an evening featuring a range of performances from over 60 students.

Some work has been produced as part of their drama and music lessons and others in extra-curricular clubs in drama, music and dance. The whole evening will be run by Technical Theatre Club who will be the lighting, set and costume designers plus Front of House and Stage Managers.

Tickets are £3 per adult and are free for children/students and can be purchased via the link below from next Friday at 4pm.

BOOK SUMMER SHOWCASE TICKETS



FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY 2025

7PM-8PM IN THE THEATRE

TICKET FREE! Tickets are free but seat booking still required. Bookings open at 4pm on Friday 20th June.

www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre

An evening of Drama and Music!



YEAR 8 TRIP TO WALES

We have had the most amazing few days at Davids Bunk Barns. Students (and staff) have been boating, beachcombing, rockpooling, coasteering, visiting the smallest town in the UK, a Bug Farm and a Bronze Fort, as well as seeing a range of marine species up close. We learnt about seaweed and the effects of pollution; we stacked rocks, had a treasure hunt, did an eco 'Dragons Den', had ice-cream, enjoyed evening yoga and so much more.

A huge thank you to everyone involved for supporting this trip and to parents and carers for sending in their messages to be read out, which kept us all highly entertained!





TERM 6 CLUBS

FILM CLUB - NEW THIS WEEK

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:

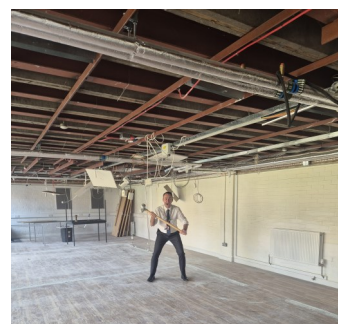
CLUBS LIST FOR TERM 6

SIXTH FORM REFURBISHMENT

On Monday, our Sixth Form Centre will close to students for the rest of this year while we make some refurbishments.

The new-look Sixth Form Centre will be ready for September with a revitalised Common Room, more spacious and modern study facilities and improved office spaces.

This is a very exciting time for our wonderful Sixth Form and Sixth Form team...especially Mr Ging who couldn't resist getting stuck in!



Year 12 students are still expected to be in school every day in the run up to their PPEs, which start on the 23rd June, and have had other rooms for study made available for them. Students are also aware of where they can find the members of the Sixth Form team whenever they need them throughout the day.

Works will continue throughout this term and, as we're sure you can imagine, we can't wait to see the finished product in September. To whet your appetite, there are a couple of 'sneak-peek' artist impressions of some of the new rooms for you here.



Best of luck to all of our Year 12 in the upcoming PPEs!



Our students' experiences:

"The day started off with a bang! We explored different elements of prison life from one bunk to another bunk. Learning about what life is like in a humid, warm prison cell and prisoners' day to day life. The lesson was super interesting and full of juicy facts. We also had a very surprising tour of a working realistic cell that made my brain a bit more curious.

After that, we had a conversation about how one choice can lead you down the wrong path. It was all about making the right choice to stay out of trouble. We learnt about a story of about how one boy who made the wrong decision ended up getting charged for manslaughter. It was a very engaging story that had me on the very edge of my seat. We then decided who was in the wrong, what should be their punishment and let our judge decide what his punishment should be."

Seb Sutehall



"Throughout the day we participated in 5 talks from the PMNW team. During my first period my tutor group had the Red Cross session in the library, it involved basic first aid and various scenarios where this is needed and the woman told us how to deal with said scenarios. There were photocards and short videos and she also provided models which further explained how first aid works.

In my second period we had the choices session in the main hall, we were in a talk with an ex-prisoner who talked to us about his experience and the choices he made that caused the consequences he had to endure ; which was his 10 year prison sentence.

Next period, we had the drugs session, where we learnt about different types of drugs and their effect on people. We also got to wear goggles that simulated how people on LSD and alcohol see.

In fourth period we had a county lines session and last period we had a prison session where we got to visit a real prison cell and understand what its like in prison for both men and women through talking to an ex-prison guard."

Kaylie Lau

"On Monday, the School invited guests from Prison Me No Way to talk to us students about prison life, choices and overall, how the small decisions we make can later affect us in life. During the day, we explored different branches of bad choices which included underage and excessive drug using, stealing and more.

The day was divided into our usual 5-period lessons which were mainly spent in the humanities block. The discussion was held by ex-prison guards, ex-prisoners and a few workers within that community.

I and I believe other students learnt a lot from the sessions as it gave us a chance to think and reflect about how life can change in one small moment and having to live with that guilt and regret every day. One of the guests was an ex-prisoner, he was very vocal about how choices can change your life and how his changed his life drastically. However, my favourite and most memorable session was the 'One Punch' lesson led by an ex-guard. He spoke about the difference between murder and manslaughter and how to evaluate a case. The case was between Ben and George, two teenage boys. What made it so enjoyable was me being the Judge and my judgement was a 7 year sentence!"

Gretel Anagho



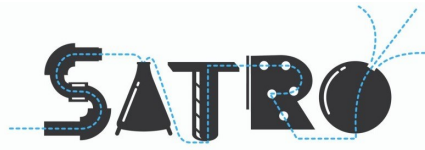
"We met people that shared some of their own personal experiences. And they showed us what they do, for example there were two retired police officers and an ex-prisoner. They talked about prison, drugs and county lines. The people we talked to were part of an organisation called Prison Me No Way, they were teaching us about certain things that involve crime.

What was so memorable about it is that how they explained their stories to us with such depth and they tried to make us understand how bad prison and getting involved with gangs and drugs or anything like that could be and how those actions can affect your life. Which was very much something to remember as it is a good reminder to people not to go down the path which leads you to prison."

Abdul-Rehman Iqbal

YEAR 9 CONSTRUCTION TASTER

Our year 9 students enjoyed making a planter in their construction taster this morning. They are looking forward to beginning the course in September.



Education Charity



YEAR 10 DOFE



Our Year 10 DofE class had a fantastic time volunteering at Furze Platt Junior School with Year 3 students for their Roman Day.

Many thanks to the school for allowing us to get involved.



MESSAGE FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Please see below for two short videos that have been commissioned by the Violence Prevention Partnership (VPP):

[CHILD EXPLOITATION VIDEO \(OPENS IN YOUTUBE\)](#)

[ONLINE HARM VIDEO \(OPENS IN YOUTUBE\)](#)

The videos have been prepared using subject matter experts and the lived experience of victims. They have been funded through the Violence Prevention Partnership and complement awareness training the VPP offer for professionals and those working with young people.

Whilst the videos are relevant to anyone working with young people, they have been designed to be Thames Valley generic and primarily aimed at parents and carers of school aged children.

FURZE PLATT STUDENT PICKED FOR CANADIAN MEN'S U16 NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM

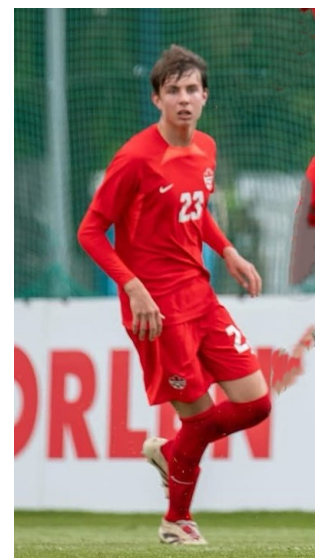
Congratulations to Ethan Heywood (Year 10) who was invited to his first National Team selection based in Poland in May where he earned his first international cap!



Ethan writes:

This was an 11 day long experience which gave me the opportunity to play Egypt, Ireland and Poland. It was a 3 hour coach ride from Warsaw airport. We stayed in large sporting hotel located on a lake on the outskirts of a small village north of Warsaw. Each day we would follow the same routine of conditioning and stretching before a match or training. We would travel to various stadiums close by where we either trained for the matches ahead of us or 3 of the days, play another country.

After these matches we would have to do recovery such as ice baths, saunas, massages and other stretching and therapy. Overall it was an amazing experience and have appreciated all the support I have gotten from the school and others."



PTFA PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

SATURDAY 12TH JULY- Donations Needed!

We're gearing up for our annual Uniform Sale, taking place on from 11am-1pm on Saturday 12th July in the Music Block, and we need your help!

We're kindly asking for donations of school uniform, sportswear, and sports shoes in good condition, as well as GCSE and A-Level revision guides (not text books which should be returned to the relevant department). Please ensure all items are freshly laundered before donating.



Donations can be dropped off at Main Reception by **Thursday 26th June**, or can be dropped in Reception if you are attending the **Year 11 Graduation event on Wednesday 18th June**.

In addition, three lucky winners will be in receipt of a substantial prize as part of our 200 Club.

Your contributions make a big difference - thank you for supporting our school community!

Your PTFA Team

200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 30

on Thursday 5th June 2025



CLICK HERE TO JOIN OUR 200 CLUB

As a school, the PTFA provides so much extra for our children and we are extremely lucky to have the team. They have recently generously funded a range of departmental items:

- Science Fair materials
- Temporary kitchen space for our Sixth Form
- Milling machine and new bench drill with laser
- Robot buggy microbits
- Drawing light boxes
- Replacement of stage blocks
- Support for Greenpower, Science and Gardening Clubs
- And more!

A huge thank you to our PTFA for all their hard work in raising money to support our school.

THANK YOU!





FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL

Open Evening
Thursday 2nd October 2025
All welcome, no booking required.



Open Morning School Tours
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Monday 23rd June 9.05-10.10am
Tuesday 8th July 9.05 – 10.10am

SEN Specific Tours available:
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