

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Work Experience

This week all our Year 10 students had work experience. To provide this opportunity takes an enormous commitment from our staff, families and local employers. I would like to thank everyone who helped our Year 10 students have such a positive and reflective experience. Speaking to them, the experience has clearly helped them consider what they may (or may not) wish to pursue as a career.



Enrichment Afternoons

On Tuesday and Wednesday our Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to try out a whole series of exciting experiences from building earthquake proof structures, to stage make up and orienteering. As I toured, students loved telling me about the activities and thanks to all staff who offered something different.

Year 13 Prom

On Tuesday we had the pleasure of greeting our Year 13 students and their guests as they arrived at the Prom. As they discussed their summer and future plans, we were very much reminded of the fantastic young adults they have developed into. We wish them all the best for the future.

Year 12 Taster Days

On Thursday and Friday we had the pleasure of welcoming our potential new Sixth Form students to FPSS. Whether a previous FPSS student or one from another school, I hope that you enjoyed the days with us.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

TERM 6 EVENTS - WEEK 1

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	
THU 3 JULY	Art Show	4.30 - 7pm
TUE 8 JULY	Year 5 Open Morning (2)	
THU 10 JULY	Sports Awards	6.30- 7.30pm
FRI 11 JULY	'It's a Knockout' & Non-Uniform Day	
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 & 13	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025-26

Welcoming Our New Year 7s

We continue to welcome new students next week when our September Year 7 students will join us for a couple of days. We look forward to welcoming you to FPSS.

Take care,

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

YEAR 7 REPORTS



The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools.

The service is available either by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents or by clicking the link below which takes you to our website and includes our latest Guidance to Grading document.

[CLICK HERE FOR GUIDANCE TO GRADING](#)

YEAR 9 GCSE OPTIONS



Year 9 students have today been emailed confirmation of the GCSE option subjects they have been allocated. The email has been sent to students' school email addresses.



They do not need to respond to confirm the options are correct, but please do get in contact if you notice any errors.

I wish your child the best of luck with their future GCSE studies.

Miss L Stirling, GCSE Options Lead

STUDYBUGS - NEW ATTENDANCE APP

Please see below for details regarding a new Attendance App for all students.



Absences and medical appointments up until September can be reported on either Studybugs or Class Charts (our current system) but we would very much appreciate your assistance in registering for Studybugs ahead of September, so that any potential issues can be quickly resolved.

[STUDYBUG - LETTER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS](#)

[STUDYBUG - USER GUIDE](#)

Thank you for your continued support..

Ms L Lewis, Deputy Headteacher and Attendance Lead

NON-UNIFORM (MUFTI) DAY



AND

'IT'S A KNOCKOUT' FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN AID OF THAMES HOSPICE CHARITY

FRIDAY 11TH JULY

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.

For more information please see Parentmail.

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On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday our Year 10 students experienced the world of work; from working in various schools, to worldwide cancer research, electricians, plumbing, golf clubs and theatres. Our students have had a diverse range of experiences in these 3 days.

We have been thrilled with the feedback from employers about our students – parents of Year 10 you can view this on Unifrog, if the employer has uploaded it.



Below is a handful of responses from our young people about their time.

Year 9 we look forward to seeing where you go next year!

Miss L Stirling

Work Experience Co-Ordinator

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"Throughout the 3 days I have had an excellent time understanding how the Leisure centre runs and meeting some very kind & helpful staff."

"I was fortunate enough to experience the roles of a variety of people in an office, leading to work on a project set by the team and also learnt so much about the field I am interested in for the future. Everyone was friendly and helpful! I did my work experience with RBWM sustainability and climate department."

"I learnt that there are many parts of a game development team, all of which do more than I expected such as producers and community managers having to learn on the go to manage the games development or outreach."

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"In this placement I have learned many skills like teamwork and how much PE teachers accomplish and do I have learned how to conduct PE lessons and how to communicate with students."

"I learnt about public relations and how building a good relationship with journalists and influencers is important to a company. I also learnt the difference between buying and merchandising and how buying is numbers and creativity whereas merchandising is just numbers, and that visual merchandising is different from merchandising."

I enjoyed the public relations in food where I made a PowerPoint coming up with trends from TikTok that the M&S ambassadors could do to promote food items, I'm proud that some of the influencers may receive emails from the company and do the trends that I made a PowerPoint on."

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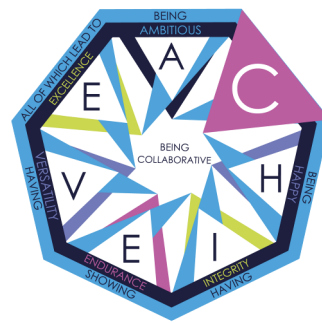
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"I learnt how the different departments all have their own weights to pull and even if one department isn't up to speed the whole production process slows to a halt. I was proud to have made a functioning blanking plug that could realistically go into the aircraft. I think I would really like to go into a field such as engineering."

"I learnt that there are many different and intricate factors about architecture during different stages such as planning. I learned that sites must be accessible to vehicles such as fire engines and bin lorries. It gave me an insight to how architects work and the struggles of manufacturing parts that are completely accurate to the design and how costly mistakes can be."

"I learnt that whilst helping children many just want support and reassurance that everything will be okay when they are feeling down. I think now I have a good connection with children and understand them on a deeper level which allows them to speak freely if something is on their mind and patience is a different level with children to understand them, so it takes time to comfort them."

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As part of Year 8's Careers Education students have been fortunate to have teachers from Furze Platt in their PSHE lesson to discuss previous jobs/careers. A key aspect of Careers Education is the understanding of employability skills and how they can be transferred to different career settings. We hope this opportunity has developed their understanding of workplaces, and the skills they are developing at school in lessons, and in future work experiences. This follows on from a session in Year 7 when Support Staff came in to discuss their role at school, looking at Furze Platt as a workplace.

Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to deliver these sessions to our Year 8s.

Miss L Stirling

Work Experience Co-Ordinator



It has been wonderful to welcome our new cohort for their Sixth Form Transition Days at Furze Platt Senior School, it was great to see so many enthusiastic faces exploring their next steps. We're excited for what their future holds!



ACCENT CATERING



Thank you to Accent Catering for their talk on Physical Wellbeing; including nutrition and exercise.

This fits with Year 7 students' current PSHE topic that looks at the importance of exercise, mental wellbeing, nutrition and sugar.

This is part of Health Education and our students' personal development.



OUT AND ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TRIPS AND VISITS

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS FOR STUDENTS IN CURRENT YEAR 7 AND YEAR 9



Applications are now open for our 2026 residential trips!

YEAR 7 - WALES

All Year 7 families are now able to make deposits via Parentmail for the St Davids, Wales trip.

Wales: deadline for deposits is Friday 11th July.



FOR DETAILS ON THE WALES TRIP PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#)

YEAR 9 - GREECE

All Year 9 families are able to begin the application process for the turtle conservation project to Kefalonia, Greece.

Initial student and parent applications must be in by 9am Tuesday 1st July.



FOR DETAILS ON THE GREECE TRIP PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#)

Another week of wonderful trips out for many students!

From some of our Year 7 students at the museum...



...to a night at the theatre for a group of Year 8s to watch Horrible Histories: Awful Egyptians at the Wycombe Swan.



It was a wonderful event with singing, dancing, learning new things about the Egyptians and even 3D glasses!



If you have any questions on either of these trips,, please contact Mr Randall, Outdoor Education and Enrichment Leader at david.randall@furzeplatt.net

YEAR 11 PROM

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What a fantastic night we had last Thursday at our Year 11 Prom, held at the stunning location of Windsor Racecourse. These really are such brilliant events and our students are so lucky to have these fantastic opportunities as they leave Year 11.

Parents and carers of pupils in Year 11 have been sent details of how to purchase photos from the event.

Photos courtesy of Stone Photos



REMINDER: FPSTEM Spark Science Fair!

Get ready for an evening of innovation, creativity, and discovery!

When? Monday 7 July

Time? 5:30 PM

Where? The Theatre

Fresh from our exhilarating trip to the **Big Bang Science Fair**, we're buzzing with ideas and can't wait to showcase the brilliance of our budding scientists and engineers. Expect exciting projects, hands-on experiments, and plenty of WOW moments!

A huge thank you to our amazing PTFA - their generous funding has made this event possible. Your support helps spark curiosity and fuels future.innovators!



No photography permitted at the event.



SPORTS DAY

MONDAY 30TH JUNE

We are pleased to announce that this year's Sports Day is scheduled for **Monday 30th June** (weather depending).

The weather is looking to be very hot so please remind students to bring sunhats, suncream, snacks and plenty of water.

To accommodate the event, the shape of the school day will change and will result in the **school finishing at 3pm**.

Please also find below some other key information:

* Pupils may all wear PE kit but this must be the correct school PE kit (image attached for reference, plain navy skort or shorts are also acceptable); those not in school PE kit should be in full school uniform. Leggings and grey joggers are not permitted.

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL: SPORTS WEAR



* Pupils may opt to wear a T-Shirt in their House colour. There should be no offensive slogans or logos on such items.

* Water points and toilets will be available during the event.

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to join us for this event but we look forward to a fantastic day of sport for our students.

Around school our students have enjoyed a range of fitness activities; this week we highlight our Fitness Club students who have been working on their mind muscle connection, and a collaborative morning in PE as students refine their relay technique!



Last Friday, 21 of our LAMDA students performed one of their examination pieces to family and friends in preparation for their LAMDA examination which has taken place today! Although it was an incredibly hot evening, audience did not notice as the pieces were captivating! There were a range of pieces from Frankenstein to Ernie's Incredible Illucinations to Midsummer Night's Dream. Jane Trainer, our LAMDA teacher, has worked incredibly hard with the students to prepare them for their examination but also to develop their performance skills and knowledge overall. It was a fantastic evening, which again just made me so proud to teach the talent we have here at Furze Platt.

Well done and good luck to the following students with their examinations:

Thomas McDonald, Grace Walker, Lola Flowers, Alfie Rivers, Evie Williams, Thea Winrow-Davies, Owen Latimer, Valeria Tarasov, Harry Taylor, Albie Cozens, Teddy Whitehead, Maddie Bristow, Daniya Hmeid, Alice Streek-Parsons, Freya Stevenson, Arshia Choudhury Abigail Downes, Harry Holdway, Denis Senyurek, George Kemp, Archie Craythorne



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LAMDA AND WHAT LESSONS OFFER HERE AT FURZE PLATT, PLEASE CONTACT
KATE KALINOWSKI, HEAD OF PERFORMING ARTS
/ ASSISTANT HEAD OF SIXTH FORM.

PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY 7-8PM

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 free but seats should be booked via the link below:

BOOK SUMMER SHOWCASE TICKETS




ENRICHMENT AT FURZE PLATT YEARS 7 & 8

Year 7 and 8 students had a fantastic time this week in their Enrichment afternoons, where they could choose from a fabulous array of activities.



From Bake Off to Earthquake Engineering to Fitness and Reaction Challenges and Orienteering, and via enormous amounts of creativity with comic books, clay, stage make-up, paper flowers and anime with Lego (courtesy of the Creative Brick Company) <https://thecreativebrickcompany.co.uk/>

Plus nods to CSI Murder. Hogwarts Science and our own 'The Apprentice - FPSS style, with semaphore, codebreaking, competitions, Chinese culture and the Ancient World to name but a few, there truly was something there for everyone!



FREE WEBINAR

TUESDAY 1st JULY, 6-7PM

Next week, Elevate Education are holding a free webinar for parents and carers:

* 'How to Get (and Keep) Your Child Motivated' on Tuesday 1st July, 6-7pm

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To access this, please follow the link below.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE WEBINAR

TERM 6 CLUBS

Parents and carers of students in all year groups should have received invitations 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

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JK Musicals

'Ancient Greece the Musical'

Musical in a week (ages 7-12)

Join us for a week of singing, acting and dancing



Date: 18-22nd August

Time: 9am-4pm

Location: Furze Platt Senior School

Show: 22nd August 6pm

For further information please contact us on:
admin@jkmusicals.co.uk

Check out our website at: www.jkmusicals.co.uk

Looking for a Summer Holiday Camp?

We're excited to announce that **JK Musicals** has chosen **FPSS** as the venue for their **Musical Theatre Camp** this summer!

Ancient Greece: The Musical — an original production by JK Musicals — promises a fun-filled week of **singing, acting, and dancing**. It's the perfect way to keep your children entertained and inspired.

Dates: 18th–22nd August

Time: 9am – 4pm daily

Final Performance: Friday at 6pm in the FPSS Theatre (for family and friends!)

Spaces are limited — don't miss out on this theatrical summer adventure!

To book a space, visit: <https://www.jkmusicals.co.uk/upcoming-camps>

WATER SAFETY



With the warm weather now upon us, many families will be seeking to spend time outdoors and possibly travel to locations throughout the county and beyond that have open water, including lakes, rivers, canals, or even coastal waters - but unfortunately, higher heat means higher risk!

Latest research tells us that the risk of accidental drowning is five times higher when the air temperature is 25 degrees or higher, and every year we see a tragic spike in drownings during the hot weather. near and/or on the water.

Please see the water safety poster on page 12.



Please encourage your child to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day.

Staying hydrated is important for your child's health and well-being.



PTFA PRE-LOVED UNIFORM & REVISION GUIDES SALE

SATURDAY 12TH JULY 11AM - 1PM IN MUSIC

We're gearing up for our annual Uniform Sale which this year includes revision guides and takes place on from 11am-1pm on Saturday 12th July in the Music Block.

Come along and pick up a bargain!

Your PTFA Team

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SENIOR SCHOOL

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

Open Morning School Tours
Tours available on the following dates:
Monday 23rd June 9.05-10.10am
Tuesday 8th July 9.05 - 10.10am
SEN Specific Tours available:
Monday 23rd June 9.30-10.15am
Tuesday 8th July 9.30-10.15am
Please call **01628 625308**
to book a tour
office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com

Summer water safety

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

- **Enter slowly and carefully**
Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- **Stay within reach**
Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- **Always be supervised**
Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.



Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

In an emergency...

- **Call 999**
If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- **If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help**
Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



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A TOAST TO ENGLAND

AN EVENING OF ENGLISH WINE AND MUSIC

Thursday 17th July 7:30pm @ Dawkes, Maidenhead, SL6 8BT

GREAT WINE MEETS GREAT MUSIC

Join us for a **one-of-a-kind** evening where great wine meets great music. Guests will enjoy a guided tasting of up to six English wines by wine educator **Andy Birkby**, each paired with a song that captures the spirit and flavour of its origin.

Once the tasting wraps up, sit back with a glass (or two) and enjoy a live set of songs from singer-songwriter **Rob Castell**, while the wine continues to flow.

Tickets are extremely **limited**, book now to avoid disappointment!

- ♦ **Tickets: £30-£35** (includes wine tasting) **Pre-booking** required
- ♦ Pre-order **cheese & charcuterie platters** up to 48 hours in
- ♦ **Bar service** available (soft & alcoholic)



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Pre-Booking



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SATURDAY 28TH JUNE • 11:30AM – 3:00PM
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- BOUNCY CASTLE**
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- BEAT THE GOALIE**
- TOMBOLAS**
- GUESS THE NAME OF THE GIANT DOGGY**
- WELLY WANGING**
- LUCKY DIP**
- PLUS BBQ, ICE CREAMS, CAKES, BAR & KIDS' MOCKTAILS AND LOTS LOTS MORE!**

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WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT AND FEEDBACK TO HELP US CREATE A BETTER SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICE

We aim to enhance resources and training for parents to better support their children at home. We seek your feedback on how to achieve this, what it should entail, and any practical considerations. The sessions will focus on developing training and resources for parents and carers, and your insights will be invaluable in shaping this initiative.

We are running 2 online parent focus groups on...

Thursday 26th June 12.30pm-1.30pm
[CLICK HERE](#) to register & attend.

Wednesday 16th July 10am-11am
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