

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Sixth Form Open Evening

If you are interested in studying at FPSS after Year 11 then next Thursday 27th November gives you the chance to explore what our Sixth Form has to offer. The evening gives you the opportunity to learn about how you achieve a place in the Sixth Form and the variety of experiences it has on offer, as well as hear about the various courses available.



Full details of timings can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

Late Start

There will be a late start on Friday 28th November. Students in all year groups should go straight to their first lesson instead of Form Time.

Careers and Higher Education Fair

On Tuesday 25th November we also have another fantastic event in the FPSS calendar with our Careers and Higher Education Fair. Students and their families have the opportunity to come and learn from many employers, colleges and universities who bring their experience and knowledge to school to help our young people. It is an event not to be missed!

You can view a copy of the programme via the below (please note this is subject to change):



CAREERS & HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR PROGRAMME



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

Term 2 (Week B)

TUE 25 NOVEMBER	Careers Fair	6-8pm
THU 27 NOVEMBER	Sixth Form Open Evening	6-9pm
FRI 28 NOVEMBER	Late Start for all year groups (straight to first lesson, no form)	9.15am
WED 10 DECEMBER	Christmas Concert	7-9pm
THU 11 DECEMBER	Year 13 Parents & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm-7.15pm
FRI 19 DECEMBER	End of Term 2	12.30pm finish

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Year 10 Work Experience

As we enter Careers Fortnight over the next couple of weeks, colleagues have also launched Year 10 Work Experience. This will occur next summer term and is incredibly reliant on students showing initiative and securing work experience, as well as the generosity of our community in providing placements. If you are a parent or career of a Year 10 student please discuss possibilities with your child. More details can be found on page 8.

Year 11 PPEs

Congratulations to all our students who worked hard on their PPEs this week. I hope that you get the grades your hard work deserves.

Take care,

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

YEAR 13 PARENTS' EVENING

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER

4.15-7.15pm

Reminder: We're looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Year 13 Parents' Evening on Thursday 11th December, from 4:15pm to 7:15pm.

More details will be sent out in early December. We look forward to seeing you there.



Our Sixth Form Open Evening is the starting point in the admissions process for the next academic year and the evening gives a great opportunity for students and their families to come to school, learn all about what subjects are like in the Sixth Form and have their questions answered from teachers, students and the Sixth Form team.

The structure for the evening is as follows:

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE	
6.00-6.20PM	PRESENTATION IN THEATRE
6.30-6.40PM	MOVING TIME FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND STUDENTS FROM THEATRE TO PRESENTATIONS
6.40-8.40PM	SUBJECT PRESENTATIONS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS
8.40PM	END OF THE EVENING



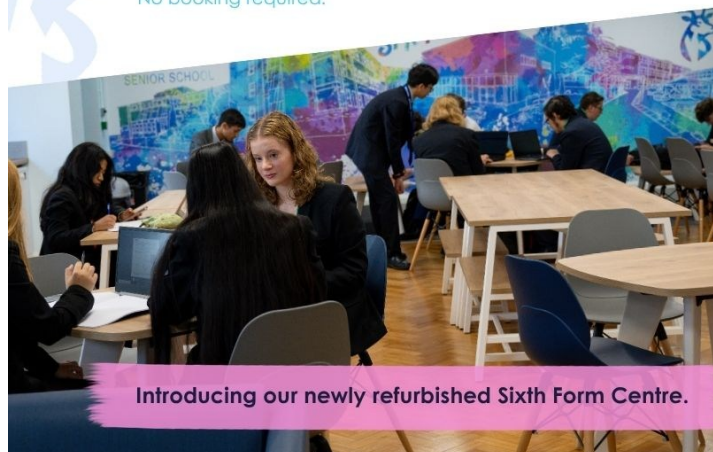
SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 6-9PM

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday, 27th November from 6-9pm.

We are very much looking forward to seeing Year 11 students and their families and there is no need to register for this event in advance.

[CLICK HERE FOR OPEN EVENING INFORMATION](#)



Introducing our newly refurbished Sixth Form Centre.

Parents/Carers should arrive at 5.50pm and make their way to the Theatre for the welcome presentation that will begin promptly at 6.00pm.

The main presentation for the evening will outline the key aspects of the Sixth Form and give important information regarding Sixth Form pathways and entry requirements, along with information on pastoral structure, extracurricular and general Sixth Form expectations.

Maps and room locations will be available when you arrive and should families wish, there will also be current Sixth Form students on hand to guide and advise you throughout the evening.

This will be followed by a late start on Friday 28th November for all year groups.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN MATHS?

SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Recently, a large number of our Year 12 and Year 13 Maths students took part in the National Senior Maths Challenge (SMC). They embraced the opportunity with ambition, perseverance and excellence, truly reflecting our school's ACHIEVE values throughout the competition. As in previous years, our students performed exceptionally well, with 29 of them earning Gold, Silver, or Bronze awards - an impressive improvement on last year's results.

Daniel Thompson in Year 13 performed outstandingly, automatically qualifying for the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo competition held on Wednesday, 19th November 2025. In recognition of their excellent achievements in the SMC, we also entered Jacob Hopson, Matej Sutton, Mitchel Holmes and Samuel Cranch for the Senior Kangaroo. Mitchell Holmes achieved the highest score among our Year 12 entrants.

Before the SMC, four Year 13 students took part in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls. We are delighted to share that Sophie McLachlan performed exceptionally well and earned a Merit award.

As a Maths department, we are incredibly proud to offer our Sixth Form students these enriching opportunities and even more proud of their outstanding accomplishments in these national competitions.

The photos show Sophie McLachlan with her Merit



Award from the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, along with some of our SMC award winners.

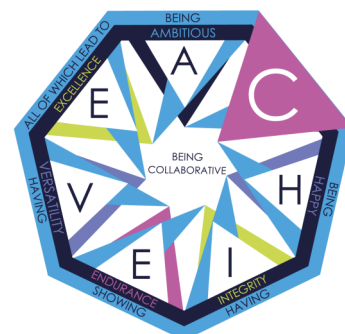
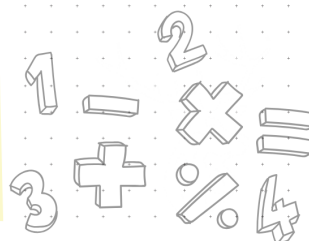


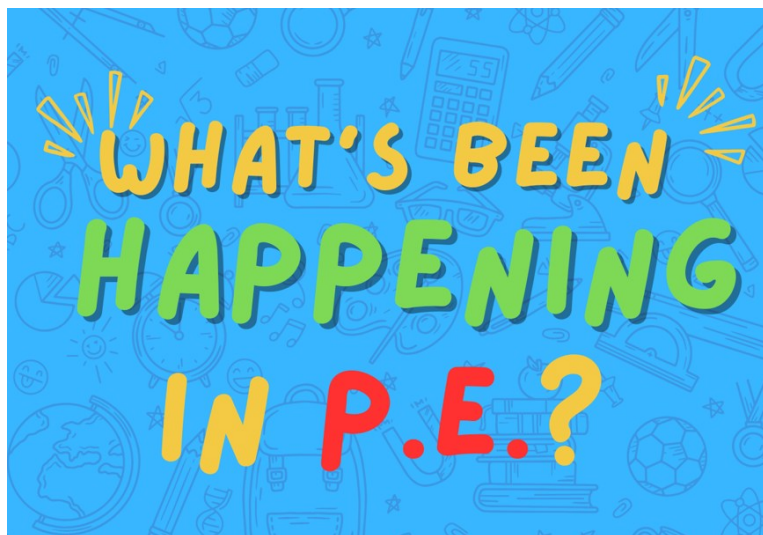
Mr J. H. Langenhoven
Maths Enrichment Coordinator

SPARX MATHS WEEKLY CHAMPIONS



Well done to our top ten Sparx Maths students this week!





YEAR 7 RUGBY

A brilliant result from our Year 7 Rugby team, one of only two teams who were undefeated all day in the Reading Blue Coat Rugby Festival, finishing 5th overall.

After topping their pool in the morning, beating the likes of Oakham School, Claires Court and Burnham Grammer without conceding a single try, they were re-seeded into the hardest pool at the festival including the hosts Reading Blue Coat, RGS High Wycombe and Magdalen College.

Brushing aside both Magdalen and RBCS still without conceding a try, they played RGS in the final game of the day for eternal glory.

That game finished 1-1 after going 1-0 down. Conceding just 1 try all day and scoring 14 against a number of renowned rugby schools is something they should be really proud of. Some stand out performances from Tom Shaw, Damon Logie and Henry Browning across the day!



The team:

Samuel Anthony
Isaac Baker
Luke Brooker
Henry Browning
Stanley Burke
Leo Smith
Rory Johnson

Jack Jenkins
Kian Clarke
Damon Logie
Jonny Mills
Jamie Pitcock
Tom Shaw
Logan Richards
Kian Sadler

MOVEMBER



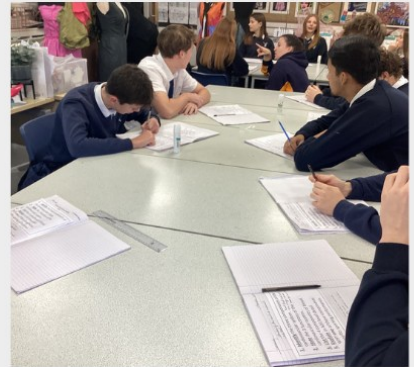
We are raising funds and awareness this Movember for all the dads, brothers, sons and mates in our lives. We need your help.

Please donate to support men's health. Thank you.

[DONATE TO MOVEMBER HERE](#)



More pictures of students enjoying PE activities and lessons can be seen over the next two pages.







Well done to our top ten Sparx Science students this week!

SPARX SCIENCE CHAMPIONS

1. ALI EL GUOSHI
2. KEELY MAISEY
3. ELI WELLAND
4. ALFRED AUGUSTINE
5. WILLIAM COWELL
6. LILI WATERMAN
7. ABDUL-REHMAN IQBAL
8. LEXI BOND
9. SAIF AKBAR
10. YASEEN BUTT



Tuesday 2nd December 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

Elevate Education will be hosting their next parent webinar on resilience on Tuesday 2nd December

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:



- Practical strategies to help your child manage their response to setbacks
- Building your child's resilience both in and out of school
- How 'fear of failure' can impact your child's resilience

Register for free via the link below:

REGISTER HERE FOR FREE WEBINAR

CAREERS & HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

CHEF 2025

Tuesday 25 November, 6pm - 8pm
in the Main Hall & Theatre

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

Discover what options are open to you after school.

Be introduced to courses, jobs and opportunities ... some you've never even heard of before! This might be the start to discovering the next part of your journey.

An opportunity to ask your questions:

To Universities & Colleges:

- How are your courses taught (tutorials, seminars, practical sessions)?
- Are classes available online or in-person?
- Where does your university rank, compared with other institutions?
- What is the workload for the course like?
- How many contact hours are included in this course?
- How is this course assessed (exam, dissertation, coursework and so on)?

To Employers:

- What steps can I take now to prepare for a career in this industry?
- Are there any networking or mentoring opportunities available?
- What skills are valued by employers in this industry?
- How competitive is the job market in this field?
- Are there work experience, internship, or co-op opportunities available for students?

No booking required, just turn up!

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

SECONDARY SCIENCE FAIR

Monday 16th March,
5pm - 7pm

OPEN TO YEARS 7, 8 & 9

We want you to come up with your own amazing projects! Once you have your idea please email them to katie.mcelligott@furzeplatt.net before the Christmas half term with confirmation of your attendance.

You can work in groups of no more than 3 people or if you'd rather, on your own. Should you want to discuss your idea, please either email Mrs McElligott or drop into Science Club which happens every Tuesday at 3:15 in S10 to discuss with Mr Wright & Mr Barrett.

Monday 22nd June – Wednesday 24th June

We are pleased to let you know that we will be running Work Experience for all current Year 10 pupils again this academic year. The work experience will run for three days from Monday 22nd June – Wednesday 24th June 2025.

We are aware that some parents reported issues with the links in the initial Parentmail message. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience; the links below will take you to the relevant sites.

During the period of work experience all Year 10 students will be off site attending the workplace of their host employer, in England. Students who do not secure an appropriate work experience placement will be expected in school on these dates for a bespoke programme.

Work experience gives students the chance to learn about what type of job they might enjoy, and develop their CV. We know it can be one of the most transformational experiences young people have during their education.



Students (and their families) should source their own work experience placements. We are using Unifrog (www.unifrog.org) to manage the administration of the work experience programme – for example collecting information from the employer about their Risk Assessment and Health & Safety policy, as well as getting agreement from yourselves for the placement to go ahead.

Some important logistics:

- Students need to agree the placement with the employer **first**, and then students will get the ball rolling by adding the placement to their Unifrog account (they will find the Placements tool on their Unifrog homepage).
- The Unifrog system will then email the employer, the parent / guardian, and the school, to collect the necessary information and permissions. For the process to work,

Safeguarding our pupils is of the upmost importance. For this reason, work experience will not be approved in placements where there is only one employee. Students should be in a placement where there are multiple adults present at all times. The school holds the final right to approve or decline a work experience placement and may do so if a placement is felt to not meet the safeguarding, health and safety, liability insurance or educational needs of a young person. The school will inform parents/carers if they feel it is necessary to share any Special Educational Needs or Safeguarding information with an employer, in order to ensure a child's needs can be met.

Pupils will receive training on safeguarding themselves whilst in placement, along with how to get the most out of their work experience, expectations etc.

Finding out more:

- Unifrog have created a set of guides about placements which you can find [here](#).
- To find out more about how we'll be using Unifrog to set up placements, take a look at the guide '[How to...use the Placements tool](#)', where you'll find a short animation that explains the process.
- For advice on how to help your child find a placement, take a look at the guide '[How to help your child find a work placement](#)'.

Next steps:

- Please read the placement guides on Unifrog, and then start contacting possible hosts for the placement
- If you have any questions, contact workexperience@furzeplatt.net
- You may wish to attend this year's Careers and Higher Education Fair on Tuesday 25th November from 6-8pm in the theatre and main hall. We will have about 40 employers who may be able to support with work experience.

We wish you the best of luck with supporting your child to find a placement. Please do make use of Unifrog's guides to help you. The deadline for recording your placement in Unifrog is **Friday 27th March 2026**. Please communicate with Miss Stirling if an extension is needed to record this in Unifrog.

Miss L Lewis, Deputy Headteacher, Interventions and Safeguarding

Miss L Stirling, Head of PSHE / Careers Link



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HOUSE POINT WINNERS THIS WEEK...

IT'S EAGLE HOUSE!

Great work from all our Eagles.



DONATIONS TO MAIDENHEAD FOODSHARE THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER IN TUTOR TIME

Our Heads of House are proudly leading this initiative, demonstrating our school value of Collaboration in action.

We are incredibly grateful for all your donations and continued support for Maidenhead Foodshare. A reminder that next week's collection will take place during Thursday tutor time.

Any contribution, big or small, is truly appreciated and makes a real difference to this fantastic cause.

Thank you for your generosity and community spirit!



CAN YOU HELP?

We need old newspapers for our upcoming House Snowball Battle if you have any spare!



SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS

Term 2: up to the Christmas holidays

Parents and carers of students in all year groups were sent e-mail invites at the end of last term to book on to clubs.

New clubs have been added for next week; please do take a look and add your child on to any they may be interested in.

CLUBS LIST



COLLECTION OF EXAM CERTIFICATES

All June 2025 exam certificates will be available for collection from Thursday 27th November.



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 27th November 2025

6-9pm

No booking required.



Introducing our newly refurbished Sixth Form Centre.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS WITH PQA AT OUR SCHOOL

We're proud to share some exciting news about one of our weekend facility hirers, The Pauline Quirke Academy (PQA). Their Maidenhead branch has recently made headlines after Vice Principal Charlotte Hardick scooped a prestigious national award for excellence in performing arts education.



PQA offers high-quality training in acting, singing, and film-making for young people, and we're delighted that our school plays a part in supporting their creative journey. This achievement highlights the incredible opportunities available to students through PQA and the dedication of their team to nurturing talent.

If you'd like to learn more about PQA and the fantastic work they do, click the link below:

**PAULINE
QUIRKE
ACADEMY**
OF PERFORMING ARTS

**FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT PQA HERE**





As part of our ongoing safeguarding and Personal Development offer, Furze Platt has purchased access to an online safeguarding information platform for all parents. Our Online Safety Hub provides parents with a wealth of information including in the following areas:

- How to keep your child safe online
- How to ensure best safety features are implemented on social media platforms
- Understanding different social media platforms and their potential risks
- How to manage screen time with your child
- How to safeguard your child from online predators
- How to monitor your child's online activity

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ONLINE SAFETY HUB](#)

As part of this platform parents also all have free access to parental controls on 2 devices within your home. These devices are advised to be mobile phones and/or home laptops, the company advise against placing on laptops bring brought into school as it may conflict with the filtering and monitoring systems used on the school network.

This can be accessed via the link below and will enable parents to:

- Filter content
- Monitor your child's online activity
- Set time limits for online use

[CLICK HERE FOR FREE PARENTAL CONTROLS](#)

We hope you find these resources useful for supporting your child with their use of the internet. You can also read an article on 'How Screen Times Impacts Sleep' via the link below.

[CLICK HERE FOR 'HOW SCREEN TIMES IMPACTS SLEEP'](#)



JOIN THE PTFA 200 CLUB

Organised by

FPSS PTFA

★ Numbers are drawn 4 times per year (once per quarter) ★

★ Three lucky winners of £200 each per draw ★

★ Help the PTFA fund great projects ★

Please click the link below to purchase your numbers:
Monthly payment (£5 per month):

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO ENTER THE 200 CLUB](#)

URBAN STRIDES - EVENING STREET DANCE CLASSES * Spaces available *

FPSS Main Hall every Wednesday evening!

Urban Strides offers more than just dance. They create a supportive, judgement-free space where teens can build confidence, self-belief, and have fun through movement and music. With a focus on five dynamic Street Dance styles, their inspirational instructors help young people get active, express themselves, and feel empowered.

Class Times:

- Beginner Striders – 7:00 PM
- Intermediate Striders – 8:00 PM

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK A TRIAL SESSION](#)

[OR CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Inspirational Urban Strides Street Dance classes at Furze Platt School!

Wednesday Nights:
7:00pm-8:00pm (Beginners)
8:00pm-9:00pm (Intermediates)

Contact us to book your place:
classes@urbanstrides.com
[All places must be booked before attending]

PASSION . POSITIVITY . PROGRESS!

- Details below - please pass on to anyone who may be interested!



A graphic featuring several overlapping speech bubbles in various colors (blue, green, orange, pink, purple). The text "JOIN OUR TEAM!" is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the bubbles.

20% Off School Day Wear Essentials

Until the end of November Hawkinsport are offering 20% off school day wear (not including sports wear).

Shop in-store or online at <https://www.hawkinsport.co.uk/schools>



YOUTH FUTSAL SESSIONS

JOIN OUR YOUTH FUTSAL ACADEMY TODAY!

ENJOY WEEKLY SESSIONS WITH OUR QUALIFIED COACHES!

MONDAY	
UNDER 15-16 BOYS	8-9PM

WEDNESDAY	
UNDER 11-12 BOYS	7-8PM
UNDER 13-14 BOYS	8-9PM

**BERKSHIRE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
SL6 6QR**

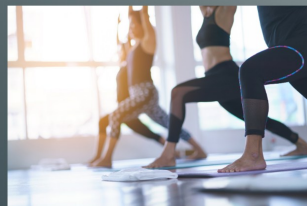
FREE TASTER SESSION!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
RYAN.WALSH@MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG

CLASSES

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CLASSES AVAILABLE

» **MONDAYS**
PILATES
INDOOR CYCLING

» **THURSDAYS**
CORE
ZUMBA

» **TUESDAYS**
CORE STABILITY
PILATES

» **FRIDAYS**
DANCE CLASS
YOGA

» **WEDNESDAYS**
STRETCH
HIIT CIRCUITS
YOGA

» **SATURDAYS**
HIIT CIRCUITS
ZUMBA

MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

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Saturday Wildlife Clubs – once a month

Cherry Garden Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 3LJ

Be a Wildlife Warrior and learn how to look after nature. A monthly wildlife club for young people.

- 🌿 Learn about wildlife - animals and plants
- 🌿 Learn how to increase and protect wildlife
- 🌿 Develop scientific knowledge and bush craft skills as you build up experience and make 'Team Wilder' connections

Ages 11-17 yrs

**From 1.00pm to 3.00pm – Teen Rangers
£8.00 per session plus booking fee**



**6 December, 10 January, 14 February,
7 March 2026**

Visit our website to book or for more info:

- bbowt.org.uk/events
- Email:- berkshireeducation@bbowt.org.uk

bbowt.org.uk

More nature everywhere




MAIDENHEAD LIONS
PRESENT



MAIDENHEAD SCHOOL TALENT SHOW 2025

Saturday the 22nd of November, 1 pm
Furze Platt Theatre, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7NQ

Buy Your Tickets Here:
www.maidenheadlions.org.uk/event-details/lions-schools-talent-show-2025

All funds raised will go towards helping those in the local community, including Maidenhead Lions youth projects.

With thanks to our generous sponsor, The Shanly Foundation.



For family or friends who step up to raise a child.



Maidenhead Kinship group

Wednesday 3 December
11:00am to 12.30pm
St Luke's Church of England School, Cookham Road, Maidenhead SL6 7EG

A brand new peer support group for kinship carers in the Maidenhead area

- a chance for kinship carers to **meet, listen and support** those in similar circumstances
- free to join for **anyone** who is **raising someone else's child** - a group for adults only
- tea and coffee provided

We'd love to see you there!
Scan the QR code or contact Keren to let us know you would like to come along
email: keren.beddow@kinship.org.uk
or call/text: 07961 049807



Charity Registration: 1093975



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Travel with us!

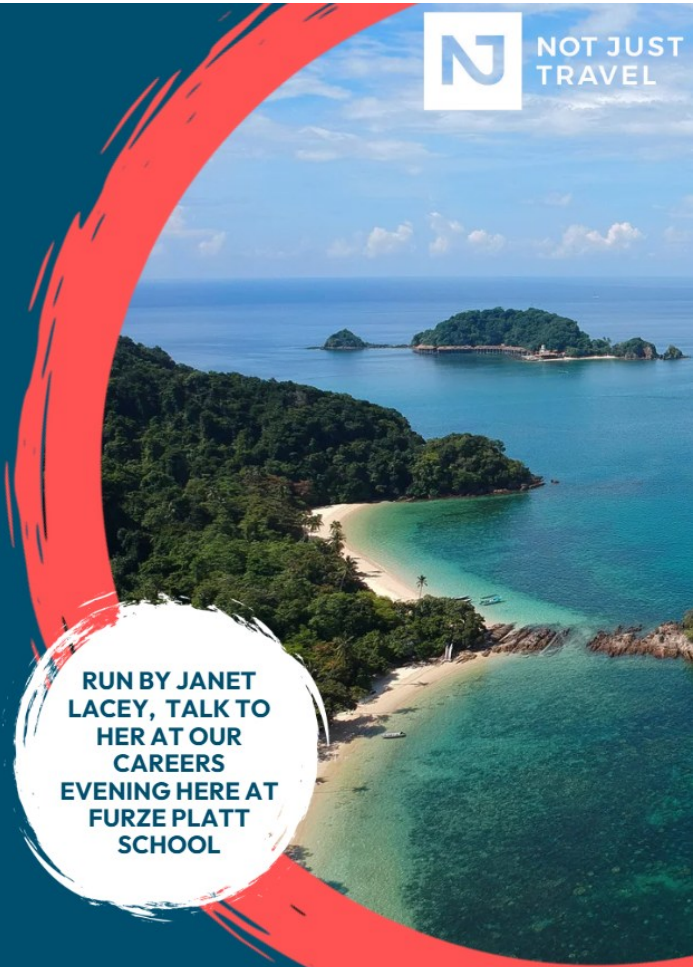
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- Insider knowledge on the best destinations
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- Free services

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RUN BY JANET LACEY, TALK TO HER AT OUR CAREERS EVENING HERE AT FURZE PLATT SCHOOL