



FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #77.15



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Merry Christmas!

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2025. An enormous thank you to all our community who do so much to help support our school, our families and our students. We could not offer so many opportunities for our young people without your assistance.



I hope that you and your families have an amazing break enjoying some festive fun including time with friends and loved ones.

Reward Assemblies and Events

There is much to celebrate as we end of term and a huge congratulations to all students who have received a nomination or award this week. Please do take the chance to see the many nominations and awards in this newsletter today. The various events are a fantastic chance to recognise how many superb students we have at FPSS and express our appreciation for all they do each day to help make our school a better place.

On a personal note, it was fantastic to give out the prizes in our End of Term Assembly, as well as meet all the House Captains on Wednesday morning.

Bags of Kindness

This week we were honoured to share over a hundred Christmas bags with our students. Kindly donated by local churches, these bags contained a food voucher along with some festive treats. Such kindness is much appreciated, and I would like to extend my gratitude to all members of the Maidenhead community who contributed to the Bags of Kindness and ensured others had a moment of joy this Christmas.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

TERM 3 EVENTS

MON 22 - FRI 2	Christmas Holidays
DECEMBER - JANUARY	
MON 5	INSET Day
JANUARY	
TUE 6	Start of Term 3 (Week B) 8.40am start
JANUARY	
TUE 6 - FRI 16	Year 9 GCSE Taster Lesson Fortnight
JANUARY	
WED 21	Year 11 Photographs
JANUARY	Year 10 & 12 Performing Arts Evening 4pm - 7pm
THU 22	Early finish 2.45pm
JANUARY	Year 9 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening 3.45pm - 7.45pm
FRI 23	Late Start 9.15am
JANUARY	
MON 26- FRI 6	Inter-House Sports Week 3
JANUARY - FEBRUARY	
THU 29	Year 9 Options Evening 6pm - 8pm
JANUARY	
FRI 30	Late Start 9.15am
JANUARY	
MON 9	School Musical (Matinee to Primary Schools) During day
FEBRUARY	
TUE 10 - THU 12	School Musical Evening Performance
FEBRUARY	
FRI 13	END OF TERM (TERM 3) 3.15pm finish
FEBRUARY	
MON 17 - FRI 21	FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS
FEBRUARY	
MON 23	START OF TERM 4 (Week 2)
FEBRUARY	

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Fundraising

As well as benefitting from the generosity of others, our community has also been contributing to help others less fortunate than themselves. Having provided around 250 gifts for the Tree of Hope and a lot of food to Maidenhead Foodshare (pictured below), this week our Sixth Formers were again raising funds through a variety of activities. It is great to see our oldest students being role models for others across the school.



Farewells

Sadly, at the end of term we also say goodbye to a couple of colleagues. Nina Ashwell will be leaving our Finance Team. Likewise, Andy Colmer leaves FPSS following over a decade of service to our community. Andy has led History and Politics as well as our Sixth Form. Both have made our school a better place and we wish them well in the future.

Happy New Year!

I hope that you enjoy welcoming in 2026. Have a great New Year and we look forward to welcoming students back to FPSS on Tuesday 6th January.

Take care,

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



REPORTS



Reports for students in Years 8 and 11 have been published on Go 4 Schools. Staying up to date is a great way to support your child throughout the year and celebrate their successes.

Please find the links below to help you access your child's report. If you have any issues please contact reports@furzeplatt.net

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

[VIEW REPORTS](#)

[GUIDANCE TO GRADING](#)

[HOW TO ACCESS GO4SCHOOLS](#)

SAVE THE DATE - YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING



THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY 2026

We are holding our Year 9 Parents Evening for parents and carers of students in Year 9 on Thursday 22nd January 2026. The event will be held in school from 3.45-7.45pm.

This is an important opportunity to meet teachers and discuss your child's progress. More details about booking appointments will be sent nearer the date.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very proud of our school and of our students, and we firmly believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped and regular attendance give every student the very best opportunity to learn well and achieve their full potential.

Unfortunately, over recent weeks, some of students have not been meeting our high expectations regarding school uniform. In particular, we have noted students wearing false eyelashes, trainers, skirts that are too short and jewellery that is not permitted.

Time that should be spent focusing on learning and celebrating achievements is currently being taken up reminding students of basic uniform expectations.

We would like to thank the many parents and students who consistently follow the Uniform Policy and take pride in their appearance. When we return in January, **regular uniform checks will be conducted**. We ask for your support in maintaining our high standards by ensuring that your child has the correct uniform and wears it appropriately every day. Please also ensure that all items are clearly named so that any lost property can be returned to its owner.

Please note that we reserve the right to confiscate items that do not form part of the school uniform, and students may be sent home to change if their uniform is deemed unacceptable.

We have worked closely with our suppliers to ensure that our school uniform is practical, affordable and of good quality, and we appreciate parents' support in maintaining these high standards. The guidance below is intended to help ensure that inappropriate items are not purchased. If you have any queries, please contact the school before making any uniform purchases.

Compulsory Uniform

- **White Shirt** May be purchased from any retailer but must have a top button that can be fastened. Shirts must be worn tucked into skirts or trousers.
- **School Tie*** House colours, Years 7–11. Must be purchased from Hawkinsport.
- **School Blazer*** Blue blazer with the school crest.
- **School Skirt*** Must be purchased from Hawkinsport. The official school skirt is the only permitted style and must reach to just above the knee.
- **Trousers** May be purchased from any retailer but must be plain black, straight-leg and smartly tailored. Denim, cotton jean-style, ribbed, skinny-leg or flared trousers are not permitted.

- **Shorts** Plain black, straight-leg and smartly tailored knee length shorts. Denim, cotton jean-style, skinny-leg or flared shorts are not permitted.

- **Socks** Dark colours only.

- **Tights** Black or natural only.

Shoes Black, smart-style shoes only. No logos, trainers or trainer-style shoes, canvas shoes, heels, boots, clogs or backless shoes are permitted.

*Items marked with an asterisk are available from **Hawkinsport, Bourne End**. [Click here to see the online shop](#). There are free weekly deliveries to school on Thursdays during term time. Please place your order and state the student's name and form at checkout.



We would also like to remind parents and carers that any **acrylic or false nails, coloured nail varnish or false eyelashes** applied over the holiday period must be **removed prior to students returning to school**. As outlined in our policy, nail varnish must be clear, and nail extensions or false nails and false eyelashes are not appropriate for the school environment and can pose a safety risk, particularly during practical lessons such as PE. We appreciate your support in ensuring that students return to school ready to learn and fully compliant with our policy.

Any student not meeting these uniform standards (for example, wearing inappropriate skirts, trainers, leggings or jewellery) will be asked to rectify this promptly. Your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives at school in the correct uniform is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

REMINDER: LAPTOP-ONLY DEVICES FOR LEARNING

As a reminder, our school is a *laptop school* for learning. iPads and tablet devices are **not permitted** for use in lessons.

Please ensure your child leaves their iPad or tablet at home and attends school each day with their **laptop and charger**, fully prepared for learning.

Thank you for your ongoing reinforcement of our school standards which will help support your son/daughter in their lessons.



SCHOOL CLUBS

Term 3: January - February

Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received invitations today to book clubs for their son/daughter next term.

The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk. If you have not yet received an email please check your junk / spam folders.

Parents and carers may wish to sign up to My EVOLVE for an overview of clubs, what's on etc – you can do this from the club or academic support clinic emails sent to you in two easy steps:

1. Click on the link in the email as usual to see clubs/clinics
2. Click 'create account' button.

Please note:

* all bookings for Term 3 must be made through the original email invitations sent out on Friday 20th December

* once in the list of clubs or academic support clinics, click on the name of the activity or session you wish to book and press confirm

* please do not duplicate club bookings per session

* students in upper years may see invitations to academic clubs that are not part of their specific academic programme; emails are sent to year groups so please only choose sessions that are relevant to your son/daughter

* if your son or daughter wishes to be removed from a club completely, please email enrichment@furzeplatt.net and provide as much notice as possible to allow time for that place to be allocated to someone on the waiting list.

Thank you.

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

WREATH MAKING WITH GARDENING CLUB

Students and staff had a wonderful time making festive wreaths courtesy of Gardening Club. It was so lovely to see everyone together being very creative and collaboration truly was in full Christmas swing!

A massive thank you to Mrs Cook for all her hard work arranging this session and to Dr Graham and Miss Dissegna for their support. This was the first time we have had students and staff decorating together and it was a great success.

Thank you also for the very generous donations of foliage from Stubbings, Wild Maidenhead members, Mrs Bartram and Mrs Cook's neighbours and friends!



FESTIVE PICTURES FROM PE!





CHRISTMAS BONANZA

Festive fun filled the Theatre yesterday thanks to our Sixth Form Raise and Give Team in support of Save the Children. From the Christmas photo booth to the Santa Hat Toss and Elf Target Toss, it was a brilliant break-time treat! Huge thanks to everyone who took part and donated - every contribution makes a difference. Donations of £2+ for Save the Children (with Gift Aid) can still be made via the link below:

[DONATE HERE](#)

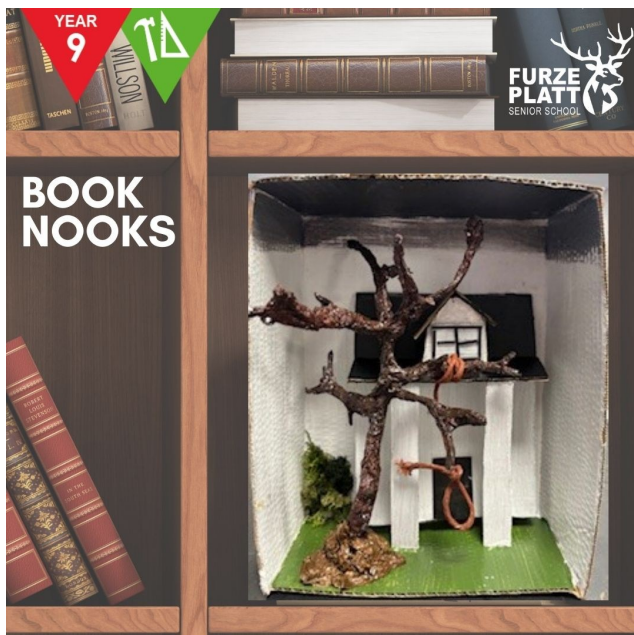


Great work from our Sixth Form team!



Design Technology (DT)

Our Year 9 students have been designing 3D film-inspired Book Nooks, showing fantastic creativity and attention to detail. Projects like this help students achieve new skills and thrive creatively. We're so proud of the results!



Year 7 students have produced beautiful appliqué pictures, building confidence and creativity while learning new practical skills in DT. A great start to their DT journey - well done, Year 7!



Merry
Christmas
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Design Technology (DT)

Our Year 9 students have created impressive string art as part of a skills builder project, developing creativity and craftsmanship. They've also been learning to use specialist equipment and techniques, including finger and mitre joints!



Food and Nutrition

Year 7 Festive Baking!

Our Year 7s have been getting into the Christmas spirit in Food Tech, baking festive biscuits while building practical skills and working together.

The results (and smells!) were fantastic!



More from Year 10 Food and Nutrition students, developing their high-skill pastry techniques and creating beautifully decorated choux pastry and profiteroles. Great focus on precision, consistency, and presentation – impressive work all round.



Another high-skill pastry mastered in Year 10 GCSE Food Prep & Nutrition! Students produced puff pastry, expertly shaped into Danish pastries & finished with homemade berry compote.

Excellent precision, patience, and creativity on show – a brilliant practical lesson!



SUPPORT OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

As we approach the Christmas break, please be aware of the below support available for young people if they are struggling with their mental health.

The safeguarding team can be contacted on safeguarding@furzeplatt.net

For urgent CAMHS crisis support in Berkshire, call the ** [Berkshire Integrated Hub](#) at 0300 365 1234 (8am-8pm M-F)** or 0800 129 9999 (out of hours).

Alternatively, you can report to your nearest Accident & Emergency who will have integrated CAMHS teams to provide assessment and support.

The below websites also offer support and advice 24/7

NHS EVERY MIND MATTERS

YOUNG MINDS

KOOTH - FREE ONLINE COUNSELLING

We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Miss L Lewis, Deputy Headteacher - Interventions and Safeguarding



SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN ONLINE

This year 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 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 ACCESS TO CONTROLS

We hope you find these resources useful for supporting your child with their use of the internet.

Miss L Lewis, Deputy Headteacher - Interventions and Safeguarding



FALCON HOUSE ARE OUR END OF TERM WINNERS!



214,444



224,381



214,555



209.325

HEAD OF HOUSE STUDENT NOMINATIONS

A special mention to all the students nominated below by their respective Heads of Houses. These students have been put forward for their positive attitudes and helpful behaviour, and contribute to a wide range of school activities.



EAGLE HEAD OF HOUSE
NOMINATIONS
GO TO...

Lily Tobin: Lily has been an outstanding member of Eagle this term, placing her firmly among the top students in the year with ACHIEVE points. She sets a brilliant example to others in Year 7, and her reliability, teamwork and genuine House spirit make her a truly deserving recipient of the Head of House Award.

Finley McLaughlin: Fin has been an exceptional Sixth Form House Captain this term. His contribution goes far beyond participation; he has been instrumental in a number of key events. Fin brings energy, maturity, and genuine enthusiasm to every task he takes on, making him an invaluable member of the House leadership team. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.



FALCON HEAD OF HOUSE
NOMINATIONS
GO TO...

Zainab Yusuf: Zainab has been an exceptional member of Falcon House this term. She has shown dedication and commitment to a range of House related tasks, acting as a role model to the younger House Captains. She shows great initiative and has consistently been an invaluable source of support in ensuring all activities run smoothly. Thank you for going above and beyond in everything you do and for being a fantastic representative for Falcon House.



FALCON HEAD OF HOUSE
NOMINATIONS
GO TO...

Joshua Rowles: Josh has been a valuable member of Falcon House this term. He is enthusiastic and has a fantastic attitude to every task and challenge that comes his way. He demonstrates great leadership and teamwork skills and is always keen to represent. It's a pleasure to have you in Falcon House, Josh; your help has been instrumental in helping us succeed.



HAWK HEAD OF HOUSE
NOMINATIONS
GO TO...

Abbie Connell: Abbie has been phenomenal this term, obtaining points, getting involved in house challenges and representing the Hawks well as a House Captain. She has brought great ideas to meetings and strives to achieve every day in line with the Hawk way. Great work this term, Abbie; I look forward to seeing what you continue to bring to the table this year.

Fred Fletcher: Fred has been an exceptional member of Hawk House this term. He has consistently been at the top of our points board, making the right choices every day. He also got stuck into the pumpkin toss challenge, going above and beyond to obtain House glory. Keep up the good work!



OSPREY HEAD OF HOUSE
NOMINATIONS
GO TO...

Sanaa Naseer: Sanaa has shown excellence as a captain and brought many ideas which have become a reality in our House system. Sanaa is approaching halfway through an extremely important year and is attending the many clinics we offer as a school so that she can achieve her best in the summer!

Reuben Cranch: A wonderful member of Osprey House who throws himself into any and all House competitions gladly! A strong leading member of an ambitious Chemistry class, Reuben enjoys the challenges Year 9 Chemistry brings and pushes himself to understand and succeed as well as being a key part of a successful and hardworking Year 9 rugby team.

HEAD OF PROGRESS STUDENT NOMINATIONS

This term we asked the Heads of Progress to nominate two students per Year group. A special mention to all of the students nominated below who have all worked very hard to achieve great results.

Ruqaiyah Zair

Ruqaiyah has had an exceptional start to the year and stands out as a truly deserving nominee. She is consistently kind, friendly, and thoughtful towards others, contributing to a positive atmosphere both in and out of the classroom. Her commitment to our ACHIEVE values is clear in the way she approaches her learning and interacts with her peers. Since September, Ruqaiyah has collected over 700 positive points and impressively has no negatives at all, reflecting her exemplary attitude and conduct.

Damanveer Bharj

Damanveer consistently demonstrates a wonderful attitude in everything he does. He is always polite, friendly, and a positive influence on those around him. Since the start of the year, he has earned over 700 positive points and has received no negative points at all, which is a testament to his outstanding conduct and commitment. Damanveer is a credit to the school and fully deserves this nomination.

Mollie Clarke

Mollie has had an outstanding start to Year 8. Her effort in lessons is second to none and she embodies the school's values. The value that really represents Mollie is happiness. She is happy to learn and question things, to push beyond her comfort zone, and to support others to be the best versions of themselves. She has also taken to her role as Year Captain brilliantly and does so as a role model, leading by example with no negatives and being among the top point scorers of the year group. A huge well done, Mollie; we are so proud of you!

Samuel Boddy

I am so proud to have Sam as a member of Year 8. He is a real asset to not only the Year Group but the school community. Sam never shouts loudly about what he has done, but instead modestly moves throughout the school day, working hard to be the best that he can be, and he does this consistently day in, day out. Sam embodies what we stand for in Year 8: 'working as one team to achieve excellence'. He is always looking out for others and does everything that he possibly can to ensure that his efforts contribute to the success of the Year Group. Well done, Sam - keep up the good work!

Thea Winrow-Davies

Not only has Thea taken to her new role as one of our Year 9 representatives, but she is also the highest positive points earner in Year 9 by quite a significant margin. She has really put herself in a great position to start her GCSE build-up excellently.

James Beckley

The highest point scoring boy in the Year 9 so far. An amazingly resilient individual and loyal friend. Keep up the great start to the year. Well done!

Florence To

Florence has had a great first term of Year 10, she always has a positive attitude around the school site. Her strong work ethic is a leading light for Year 10 students, and this is reflected in the amount of points (over 800) she has gathered over the term! Well done, Florence!

Ciaran Farrell

Ciaran has been excellent this term, amassing a huge amount of ACHIEVE points for his House (over 900), as well as being supportive to those around him. He consistently meets expectations and goes above and beyond in his extracurricular pursuits too! Well done, Ciaran.

Eleanor Copping

Congratulations, Eleanor! You've earned over 600 reward points whilst maintaining a perfect score of 0 negatives - a true reflection of your consistent effort and excellent attitude. You're working above expectation in all your subjects, showing not only strong academic achievement but also remarkable dedication. I am incredibly impressed by everything you've accomplished so far this year and am so proud to have you in our Year Group. You are in a great position for Year 11. Well done, Eleanor!

Jack Buy

Well done, Jack, on an exceptional first term in Year 11. With over 580 reward points and 0 negatives, your ACHIEVE record speaks volumes about your work ethic and attitude. You are an unassuming, dedicated student who consistently puts in high levels of effort across all subjects. Your mature approach to study and thorough preparation for assessments show just how seriously you take your learning. You are in a fantastic position this far into Year 11, and I have every confidence that you'll continue to excel. Keep up the brilliant work—you're a credit to yourself and to Furze Platt. I am proud to have a student like you in my Year Group!

Zainab Yusuf

YEAR
12

Zainab has made an outstanding start to Year 12. She has thrown herself into everything inside and outside of the classroom—not only managing her A-level courses and achieving outstanding Attitude to Learning grades, but she also has outstanding attendance and punctuality, with over 500 reward points. She is a House Captain, a student mentor, involved in Raise and Give, and attends the Technical Theatre Club, to name just a few of her extra commitments. Well done, Zainab, for such an excellent start. .

Noah Moss

Noah has made an incredible start to Year 12. Noah has outstanding attitude to learning grades, progress grades and over 500 reward points, with zero consequences—not to mention his incredible attendance and punctuality. Noah is a polite, welcoming and conscientious student and 100% deserves this nomination. Well done, Noah!

YEAR
13

Sophie McLachlan

Sophie continues to excel within the Sixth Form and is on track to achieve 2 A*s and a B in the Summer. She is a conscientious student who dedicates a huge amount of time and energy to her studies. However, what is particularly impressive about Sophie is her commitment to the Sixth Form and the wider school community itself. She leads on Raise and Give activities and was instrumental in the running of the West Drive Thames Hospice Appeal in September and promoting the Tree of Hope initiative in December. Since taking on the role of Senior Student, I haven't had a quiet moment - Sophie is always promoting ideas, activities, or fundraisers that would benefit the school and the local community. Her audacious pursuit of creating a better school is a delight, and I have no doubt that this will serve her well in the future. Well done, Sophie!

Ilyes Akkache

Ilyes is absolutely flying this year in the Sixth Form. He is currently on track to achieve A*AA, making almost 2 grades more progress than expected. He is demonstrating a fantastic 'A Grade' mentality and is often one of the last students within the Sixth Form block on a daily basis. Outside of this, he has made a fantastic contribution to the Raise and Give society, supporting both initiatives this year. His positive and commanding presence within the Sixth Form is brilliant to see and I know that he will go on to achieve great things this year and at University. Smashing effort Ilyes!

STUDENT SUBJECT NOMINATIONS

Well done to all our nominated students - you have all been brilliant!



YEAR 7

END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

ART
CONNECT
COMPUTING
DRAMA
LEARNING SUPPORT
ENGLISH
GEOGRAPHY
HISTORY
LANGUAGES
MATHS
MUSIC
PE
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION
PSHE
SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY

SELIN SENYUREK & MICHAEL STREET
SOPHIA SHARMA & AHMED ALI
HALLIE LOVETT & SAMSON TCHAPNDA
FLORENCE SHORTE & MATTI GAIT
ANGEL SMITH & JAYDEN SUMNER
REBECA BECHIANU & HASAN QURESHI
ELLEN KNOTT & ROHAN BIRK
KALAYA SEJOE-WHARTON & BENJAMIN MOLINA
EMILIA BROOKING & MYRON CHERNIKOV
CELINE PORTIER & RISITH KALPAGE
LILY RIVERS & HIRUN FERNANDO
ROSIE HULL & HENRY BROWNING
CHLOE PURSEY & VAL JOEL
MEGAN GRAYSON & DYLAN CAMPBELL
EMMA RHODES & LUKE BROOKER
RIDDA SULEMAN & THOMAS LOVERIDGE



YEAR 8

END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

ART
COMPUTING
CONNECT
DRAMA
LEARNING SUPPORT
ENGLISH
GEOGRAPHY
HISTORY
LANGUAGES
MATHS
MUSIC
PE
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION
PSHE
SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY

OZGU YUKSEL & JUDE TRAUT
YUSRAA KHAN & FINLEY BOSHOF
MUSA PAZIR
LILY REEMAN & BRIAN SHAO
STEPHAINE HALM & DYLAN NKUMAH
EVIE WILLIAMS & SAMUEL BODDY
MILLIE COOKE & RAFFI STRUDWICKE
BEATRICE KITT-MARTINEZ & SAMUEL COOKSON
SKY WHEELER & ARIHAAN PANDYA
IMMY ROBINSON & TAJANA NYERENYERE
MATTIE KINRADE & NOAH RICHARDS
HÉLÈNE SUTCLIFFE & ALFIE MURRAY
AYDA RODI & ROYPAUL NZIOKA
LUNA SEDDON-BROWN & NATE ENGLAND
RUBY PARKMAN-MILLS & JAMIE CALLABY
LOLA-SKYE HUMPHREY & EWAN TEKERAIN



YEAR 9

END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

ART
DRAMA
CONNECT
COMPUTING
LEARNING SUPPORT
ENGLISH
GEOGRAPHY
HISTORY
COMPUTING
LANGUAGES
MATHS
MUSIC
PE
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION
PSHE
SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY

ALICE YOUNG & WILF CUTTING
BELLA HILL & TOBY MASTRILLI
IQRA BABAR & JACOB DARBY
JULIA EZHIL & DOMINIC TERRY
DENZEL NKUMAH
SOFIA GRUBER MAS & ERVIN S. NAGY
BEATRICE POULTER & ALEX TUCKER
ZOE DAVIES & HAYDEN APPELVARD
THEA WINDROW-DAVIES & ALEXANDER ABEL
LILY-ANN SEERS & THOMAS HOLLINS
ELLE CUTTING & DANIEL FARRALL
GRACE WALKER & ALFIE RIVERS
WILLOW PICKERING & ANDRE DE KLERK
LILLY HODGE & SIMON WORLEY
JACQUELINE MAGNES & RAF CUNLIFFE
PRATHNA GAUTAM & FREDDIE FAIRES
SCARLETT WEDDLAND & MAX DEBLE



YEAR 10

END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

ART
BIOLOGY
BUSINESS
CHILD DEVELOPMENT
CHEMISTRY
COMPUTING
CONSTRUCTION
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
DRAMA
D OF E
LEARNING SUPPORT
ENGINEERING
ENGLISH
FOOD TECHNOLOGY
GEOGRAPHY
HEALTH & FITNESS
HISTORY
HOSPITALITY & CATERING
MEDIA
LANGUAGES
MATHS
MUSIC
PE
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION
PHYSICS
PSHE
TEXTILES
TRAVEL & TOURISM

ZARA WIBBERLEY & ETHAN HUNT
ALYSSA DOWNING & NATHAN TEKEBA
GRETEL ANAGHO & TEDDY WHITEHEAD
SUMMER FOSKETT
ANTOINETTE LUCAS & ROBEL TEKEBA
OMAYMA SAYAGH & NATHAN RHODES
ABBIE PICKETT & PIEUSH KUMAR
NADIA DOMINTE & KIAN WEAVER
ISLA PEACOCK & JACKSON KNOTT
MARYAM MOHSIN & WARREN HECTOR
MUNIBA HAMID & HARRY STRUDWICKE
LEAH BANTHORPE & YANIV KADER
ERIN BANKS & THOMAS HUGHES-PARRY
USWA AZAM & ALBERT HENWOOD
IMOGEN STARKEY & SEB SUTEHALL
CALLIE WEBB & JAMES TAYLOR
MADDIE BRISTOW & ZACK PERROTT
ROSA MULLINS & LEYTON CANZIANI
NATALIA HASLER & ALBIE COZENS
CHARLEY SMITH & NOR-ALDEEN HEJAZE
ELIZA CANNON & SHAURYA RAY
JIANA CHAN & WILLIAM WOOD
DANIYA HMEID & HARRY DAVIS
CIARA MCSWEENEY & JUDE JOHNSON
CHLOE HENRY & BEN PIOTROWICZ
MILLY MOLLOY & MUSTAPHA TANVIR
NAVEEN ZAHRA
OLIVER LOTHERINGTON & BERNICE LAYUG



YEAR 12

END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

ART
BIOLOGY
BTEC BUSINESS/BUSINESS
CHEMISTRY
COMPUTING
CRIMINOLOGY
DRAMA
ECONOMICS
ENGLISH
FASHION TEXTILES
FURTHER MATHS
GEOGRAPHY
HISTORY/GOVT & POLITICS
MEDICAL SCIENCE
MATHS
MEDIA
PE
PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS
PHYSICS
PRODUCT DESIGN
PSYCHOLOGY
SPORTS STUDIES

JACK PARKINSON
NIAMH BRENNAN
DYLAN ING
HOWARD WONG
JAMES JEFFS
DANNY HEDGES
RUBY KIELTY
ZACH EVANS
FRANKIE HACKETT
BIBI HAYFORD
NOAH MOSS
ZUZANNA PIANKOWSKA
DANIYAH AHMED
ANNABELLE LEMON
ANNA GREENLAND
RAPHAEL KITT-MARTINEZ
TABITHA GIE
AMELIA SMYTH
ANDREW LEE
BEN COOK
PIPER WEBB
EDDIE SUITERS



YEAR 11

END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

ART
BIOLOGY
BUSINESS
CHILD DEVELOPMENT
CHEMISTRY
COMPUTING
CONSTRUCTION
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
DRAMA
D OF E
LEARNING SUPPORT
ENGINEERING
ENGLISH
FOOD TECHNOLOGY
GEOGRAPHY
HEALTH & FITNESS
HISTORY
HOSPITALITY & CATERING
MEDIA
LANGUAGES
MATHS
MUSIC
PE
PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION
PHYSICS
PSHE
RAISING ACHIEVEMENT
TEXTILES
TRAVEL & TOURISM

ANNA WEBSTER & OWEN LATTIMER
AMY-JAYNE MACEY & CAYDE DE SILVA
ELEANOR COPPING & WILLIAM COWELL
KEELY MAISEY
ELISABETH MADDEN & MAXIMILIAN DUNCAN
AMRUTHA SIDDANATHI & MUHAMMED ABDULLAH
WILLOW SMART & LAITH JEHANGIRI
OLIWIA DROZDOWSKA & ALEXANDER FENNELL
ABIGAIL DOWNES & MAC PARRISS
DONNA GRANT & JACK SHUTTLEWORTH
MILEY KA & FRAYNE PINTO
FAITH HUTTON & JACK BUY
RENITA NOVAIS & TYLER LOVETT
SIÂN MCCALLION & LUCAS BRYANT
TALIA ABOU SALEH & MUSTAFA SAEET
AYAAT LATIF & BEN EASON
ANNABEL SWEENEY & ETHAN BURTT
SOPHIA MILLS & TERRY CREFFIELD
NATALIA HASLER & ALBIE COZENS
ALISSIA THOMAS & JOSHUA MOTT
TAYLOR GURNEY & DANIEL GHASSEMNEJAD
BARBARA CARMONA ESQUIVEL & JAIME SERIS
ELLIE MCCAFFERY & JAMES MAHER
SANAA NASEER & SAMUEL PATTON
IONA LATHAM-BRASH & NOEL ZENGNI
EMILY BRAY & HARRY TAYLOR
RHEA BAGAT & SAM JONES
ANA GIMENES
LEXI PRENDERGAST & LUCAS VELASCO



YEAR 13

END OF TERM NOMINATIONS

ART
BIOLOGY
BTEC BUSINESS/BUSINESS
CHEMISTRY
COMPUTING
CRIMINOLOGY
DRAMA
ECONOMICS
ENGLISH
FASHION TEXTILES
FURTHER MATHS
GEOGRAPHY
HISTORY/GOVT & POLITICS
HUMAN BIOLOGY
MATHS
MEDIA
PE
PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS
PHYSICS
PRODUCT DESIGN
PSYCHOLOGY
SPORTS STUDIES

SOPHIE RANCE
ELENA REINA
JACOB WARDLE
IGRA MOHSIN
SAVITH IDIPPULIGE
AYLA BROOKS-KELLMANN
EMMY IONESCU
HAMZA OMAR
MAXIMILIAN WIBBERLEY
ALICE STREEK PARSONS
AJEENA AJITHKUMAR
BASTIEN CORREIA
ROSS VAN EEDEN
DANIEL HIGLEY
SOPHIE MCLACHLAN
MATILDA STOCKDALE
HARRY JAMES
AVA PARRIS
DANIEL GIBBON
SAMUEL CRANCH
BALPREET KAUR
HOLLY CANNON







SPARX SCIENCE CHAMPIONS

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

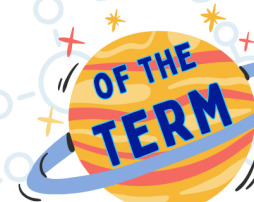
SPARX SCIENCE CHAMPIONS

1. RISITH K
2. MAXIMILIAN H
3. AVEER D
4. ANNA B
5. HEND A
6. VIVAAN P
7. ALI EL G
8. EISA A
9. CASEY S
10. LEYTON C



SPARX SCIENCE CHAMPIONS

1. MAXIMILIAN H
2. HEND A
3. ARSHIA C
4. MITHUN V K
5. SIMRAN V
6. MEYORA D S
7. ALICE R
8. ALI EL G
9. LUCAS B
10. LIAM S-F



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.



SPARX MATHS

Here are our Term 2 Champions from Years 10 and 11 - brilliant results all round!

SPARX MATHS TERM 2 CHAMPIONS

Year 10	Year 11
1 HARRY S	1 MILEY K
2 NATHAN T	2 AHMET K
3 GRETEL A	3 SULAIMAN Z
4 EZRA T	4 OWAIS Z
5 ROBEL T	5 PATRYK R

ELEVATE WEBINARS

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD ALLEVIATE STRESS

Parents and carers can register for the above webinar via the link below..

elevate
education

REGISTER HERE FOR FREE WEBINAR

WREATH MAKING WITH GARDENING CLUB

Students and staff had a wonderful time making festive wreaths courtesy of Gardening Club. It was so lovely to see everyone together being very creative and collaboration truly was in full Christmas swing!

A massive thank you to Mrs Cook for all her hard work arranging this session and to Dr Graham and Miss Dissegna for their support. This was the first time we have had students and staff decorating together and it was a great success.

Thank you also for the very generous donations of foliage from Stubbings, Wild Maidenhead members and Mrs Cook's neighbours and friends!



WORKSHOPS HOSTED BY THE AUTISM GROUP

The following two workshops are aimed at parents and carers of primary and secondary aged children, All available courses are also listed on the GEMS website:

[GEMS WEBSITE](#)

Autistic Burnout

Wednesday 4th February 7.30-9.30pm

This workshop explores what autistic burnout is, how it differs from general stress or exhaustion, and why it happens. Families will learn to recognise early signs of burnout in children and young people, understand the impact of masking and overwhelm, and explore ways to support recovery through rest, regulation, and realistic expectations.

[BOOK HERE FOR AUTISTIC BURNOUT SESSION](#)

Barriers to School - Can't go, not won't go

Wednesday 25th February 10am - 12 noon

To understand what EBSA/ERSA is. Recognising potential early signs in our children. Exploring strategies to support our children. Encouraging questions and sharing experiences.

Places are very limited and we can only allow parents and carers to attend whose child is experiencing school avoidance.

[BOOK HERE FOR CAN'T GO NOT WON'T GO SESSION](#)

BLOOD DONATION

Well done to Holly Cannon (Year 13) who completed her first ever blood donation last week. Donors have to be aged 17-65 (along with other eligibility criteria) and be generally fit and well. One donation will help save three lives - well done Holly, you are making a valuable difference.



[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BLOOD DONATION HERE](#)



**FROM ALL AT
FURZE PLATT!**

CHRISTMAS TREES & GIFTS ★ FESTIVE EVENTS ★ SEASONAL DISHES

CHRISTMAS TREE BUYING GUIDE




Stubbings

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ONLINE

www.stubbingsnursery.co.uk

See overleaf
for our
Christmas
Offer

A fantastic array of shapes and sizes to suit your home...

FIR



Our most popular tree, offered in Nordman, Fraser, Noble, Turkish & Lasiocarpa varieties. Soft needles with excellent retention.

SPRUCE



The classic traditional tree, offered in these varieties: Norway, Blue & Serbian. A value tree with medium needle retention.

PINE



A more unique option, our Lodgepole Pine have long, lush needles with good retention.



Bring your tree back to Stubbings in early January for recycling by our local council



DINE & SAVE THIS XMAS

SPEND £30+ from our Café menu
in a single transaction to enjoy

20% OFF

baubles, hanging decorations & festive lights.

offer runs from 23rd November - 31st December. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers. Voucher valid for one time use. See website for more details.

GARDEN CENTRE & CAFÉ - OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 9AM-5PM

FIND US JUST OFF THE A404M TO THE WEST OF MAIDENHEAD

CHRISTMAS TREE CARE



PREPARATION - Make sure you unwrap your tree outside and bang firmly on the ground to remove any debris and loose needles before bringing into your home.

A FRESH CUT - Make sure you take a fresh cut off the base of the trunk (at least 1 inch) before bringing the tree indoors. We can cut this for you if required.

WATER, WATER, WATER - your tree stand should have a water reservoir. You'll be amazed how much a tree will drink in the first few weeks indoors. Keep watering but note that the tree will drink less and less as the season progresses.

STANDS - Alongside the ability to provide sufficient water, you should also check your stand is suitable for the size of tree you wish to buy. Ensuring you have a solid stand is especially important if you have young children and/or pets.

NEEDLE DROP - As a fresh product, grown outdoors, trees will inevitably drop needles, the extent of which will depend on many factors.

AVOID HEAT - Don't forget that Christmas Trees are grown outdoors. Radiators are their worst enemy, so if possible turn off (or down) any radiators in close proximity to your tree.

Adult Dyslexia Centre

ADVISING • DEVELOPING • CONNECTING

Understanding Dyslexia and Dyscalculia

An online course for parents, carers and teachers of dyslexic children



Our popular online course is starting on Wednesday 7th January 2026
3 sessions on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 - 9.00 pm

The course will give an understanding of dyslexia and dyscalculia, including many strategies for supporting your child in their learning.

Places limited so that the course can be interactive. Plenty of time for questions.

All sessions delivered by experienced professionals.

January 7th - Understanding your child with dyslexia – Katrina Cochrane
January 14th - Reading and Spelling strategies – Donna Stevenson
January 21st - Maths and dyscalculia – Amanda Keen

The fee is £60 for all 3 sessions.

To reserve a place on this course email courses@adc.org.uk
or Tel: **07774 846657**

Website – www.adc.org.uk

SPACE TO THRIVE

COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTRE

A BERKSHIRE MUSIC TRUST AND SLOUGH MUSIC SERVICE PARTNERSHIP



Calling all Young Musicians!

Let's Play Orchestra

Saturday 10.15–11.00am

Open to any instrument from beginner up to Grade 1. Explore making music with others through easy parts, beat & melody games, and ensemble fun.

Fees: £70.00 per term

HALF PRICE THIS TERM for new members:
£35.00 for TEN SESSIONS

Initial Orchestra

Saturday 9.00–10.00am

Open to any instrument Grades 1–3. A more adventurous orchestral experience focusing on holding your own part, reading rhythms, and collaborating as a musical team.

Fees: £79.50 per term

HALF PRICE THIS TERM for new members:
£39.75 for TEN SESSIONS

Click here for a free trial orchestra session on Saturday 17 January

Click here to attend the launch event on Saturday 10 January

Any Questions? contact laurabridger@berksmusictrust.org.uk