



# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #75



## 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](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net)

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

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[GUIDANCE TO GRADING](#)

[HOW TO ACCESS GO4SCHOOLS](#)

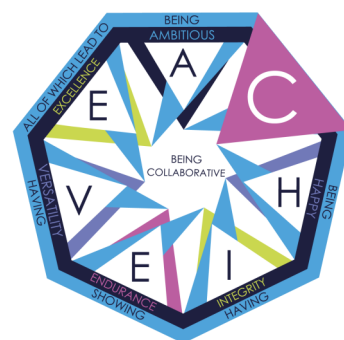
## SAVE THE DATE - YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING



**THURSDAY 22 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.



## 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!





### 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

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!

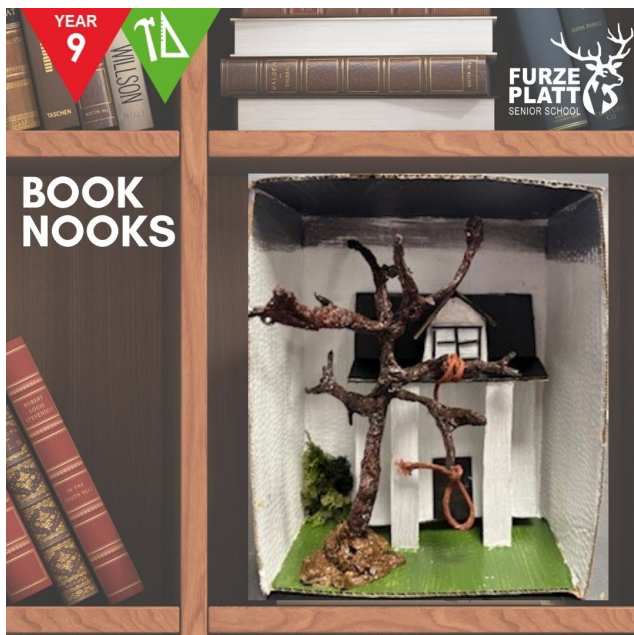


### A FESTIVE MESSAGE FROM PE!



## 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!



## 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!

## Sophie McLachlan

YEAR  
13

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 - your efforts this term have not gone unnoticed!



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 BOSHOFF  
MUSA PAZIR  
LILY REEMAN & BRIAN SHAO  
STEPHAINE HALM & DYLAN NKUMAH  
EVIE WILLIAMS & SAMUEL BODDY  
MILLIE COOKE & RAFFI STRUDWICKE  
BEATRIX 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 APPLEBYARD  
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  
IQRA 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!

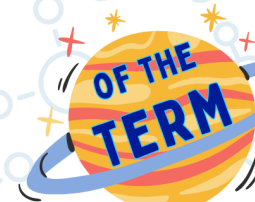
### SPARX SCIENCE CHAMPIONS

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



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

## 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](mailto: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

## 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**



CHRISTMAS TREES & GIFTS ★ FESTIVE EVENTS ★ SEASONAL DISHES

# CHRISTMAS TREE BUYING GUIDE



  
**Stubbings**

STUBBINGS LANE, MAIDENHEAD, SL4 4QL

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SOURCED

LOCAL  
DELIVERY

INSTORE &  
ONLINE

[www.stubbingsnursery.co.uk](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> November - 31<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:courses@adc.org.uk)  
or Tel: **07774 846657**

Website – [www.adc.org.uk](http://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](mailto:laurabridger@berksmusictrust.org.uk)