

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**Welcome to the 2025/26 Academic Year****It's a Knockout Fundraiser**

A huge thank you from FPSS to all members of our community who supported today's fundraiser for Thames Hospice. It was great to see so many students enjoying the event but also recognising the important cause to which they were contributing.



I would like to thank Pete Ging and the Sixth Form students for leading the fundraiser. Alongside It's a Knockout, I was delighted to see the range of stalls and fundraising activities students had prepared.

Most importantly, the event has raised thousands for Thames Hospice and the fantastic work they do in our area.

Prepare to Succeed Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended these evenings this week. It was a pleasure to welcome Year 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 parents to carers to these events intended to help prepare you for the year ahead. I trust that you found them useful. Presentations can be found below, Year 7 will be uploaded early next week.

[CLICK HERE FOR PRESENTATIONS](#)
**UPCOMING EVENTS****Next Week (Week A)****ALL EVENTS****Forthcoming Events**

THU 25 SEPTEMBER	PTFA Meeting - all welcome	7.30pm
THU 2 OCTOBER	Early School Finish	12.30pm finish
FRI 3 OCTOBER	Whole School Open Evening	6pm - 8.30pm
MON 6 OCTOBER	INSET DAY - school closed for all year groups	
WED 8 THU 9 FRI 10 OCTOBER	Year 13 Biology trip to Woolly Firs	
THU 9 OCTOBER	Year 7 Teambuilding at Longridge (details will be sent out in due course)	
	Preparing to Succeed in Year 8	6.15-7.15pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES**Lateness to School**

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to all parents and carers who have been ensuring students make it to school promptly. Lates have notably reduced this week with fewer students requiring the subsequent after-school detention. Please do keep encouraging. Punctuality is a life skill that we need to help students acquire.

Take care,

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

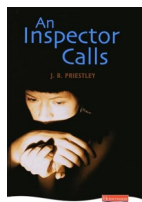


ENGLISH GCSE - IMPORTANT INFORMATION



As part of our GCSE curriculum, Year 10 students will be studying two significant literary works:

1. An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley



2. Macbeth by William Shakespeare



This term, we will begin with An Inspector Calls, and it is essential that your child purchases the playbook as soon as possible to aid in their studies and prepare for their future examinations.

From January, we will transition to Macbeth, which will also require your child to have a copy of the play on hand. It is crucial for their learning and success throughout the year that they have the correct equipment and text books.

Books can be purchased from any retailer, below are the links on Amazon if that helps parents and carers.

[LINK TO AMAZON - AN INSPECTOR CALLS](#)

[LINK TO AMAZON - MACBETH](#)

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Miss H Brookling, Head of English

'School leaders are ambitious for the school. They enjoy positive relationships with the rest of the staff and work with them to ensure the success of the school.'

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HOME LEARNING TIMETABLES



Staff will set the Home Learning on these days to help students and supportive parents to manage and organise their learning at home. As an example on Monday evening, it will always be Maths home learning.

Whilst the issue date on Class Charts will follow this timetable, the due date will vary. Class Charts shows both the issue date and the due date.

Year 7:

Key Stage 3 Home Learning Timetable					
Year 7					
Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths (double home learning)	English	English	Geography	Performing Arts, Art, Technology and Computing projects. PE
		History	Science	Languages	PE (each fortnight)

Drama, Music, Art, Technology, & Computing. These departments set one piece of project homework each half term.

For Year 7, each piece of homework should be between 20-30 minutes (total 40-60 mins per evening)

Year 8:

Key Stage 3 Home Learning Timetable					
Year 8					
Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths (double home learning)	English	English	Geography	Performing Arts, Art, Technology and Computing projects. PE
		History	Science	Languages	PE (each fortnight)

Drama, Music, Art, Technology, & Computing. These departments set one piece of project homework each half term.

For Year 8, each piece of homework should be between 25-35 minutes (total 50-70 mins per evening)

Year 9:

Key Stage 3 Home Learning Timetable					
Year 9					
Subject	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths (double home learning)	English	English	Geography	Performing Arts, Art, Technology and Computing projects. PE
		History	Science	Languages	PE (each fortnight)

Drama, Music, Art, Technology, & Computing. These departments set one piece of project homework each half term.

For Year 9, each piece of homework should be between 30-40 minutes (total 60-80 mins per evening)

Well done also to students for a super start with the following in the KS3 year groups being awarded over 100 House Points!

YEAR 7	27	Mr A Wyles, Assistant Headteacher
YEAR 8	6	Key Stage 3
YEAR 9	26	





OPEN EVENING: THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 6 - 8.30pm

Early finish for all students – 12.30pm

Our annual Open Evening is being held on Thursday 2nd October for prospective students and their parents. Students will finish at 12.30pm and helpers will be invited back before the event starts.

INSET DAY: FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

School will be closed for all year groups.

CAREERS FAIR

TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

This event will take place from 6-8pm. Further details will be sent out in due course.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING:

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

This event will take place from 6-9pm and will be followed by a late start the next day for all students.

LATE START: FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Students in all year groups will have a 9.15am start and go straight to their first lesson (no form that day).

SCHOOL MUSICAL

Well done to everyone who had a go at guessing our next musical from clues around school.

The correct answer was...We Will Rock You!



**PTFA MEETING
THURSDAY 25TH
SEPTEMBER
7.30PM**

*ALL
Welcome*



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN





Parents and carers of new students have been sent a parent code via email for you to access Class Charts as a parent or carer. Class Charts allows you to monitor behaviour, timetable and homework. Attached to the email was a 'Getting Started' guide for parents. Please note that we do not use the Well-being, Announcements or Attendance functions in Class Charts, and all absences are now reported via StudyBugs.

Your child has been issued with a sheet of paper with their code to access Class Charts via their phone or their laptop. Attached are instructions for you to help them to log on. If you have ordered a laptop through the school laptop scheme, these will be issued soon. In the meantime, students can set up Class Charts on their phone or home computer to check their timetable, behaviour and homework. If your child needs another copy of their access code, please ask them to request one from their Form Tutor.

Students were issued with hard copies of their timetable and a plastic wallet to keep it safe and dry.

All students were also issued with a Yondr pouch today for students who intend to bring a phone into school. For those families who choose not to send their child into school with a phone, parents or carers will need to collect an exemption form from reception. This form can also be issued to students to take home. When school photos are taken, students will then be issued with a pass to enable them to enter the school site without delay.

Mr A Wyles, Assistant Headteacher KS3



We would like to remind parents that we have now transitioned to **Studybugs**; a new app that will support our continued efforts for an efficient and secure system when reporting your child's absence or sending other messages regarding their attendance.

Studybugs is integrated with our registration system so both you, as the parent/carer, and the school will know right away if your child is unaccounted for.

With a few quick taps or clicks, you can update the school on your child's absences and appointments

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. **It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.**
2. **It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted. You will be helping the NHS and other health organisations take preventative action.**

The school will use **Studybugs** to communicate all things attendance related, celebrating improvements, notifying parents if their child is late to school etc

For queries please contact attendancesupportteam@furzeplatt.net

A huge thank you to the teachers and support staff for providing so many extra-curricular opportunities to my child. These activities have created wonderful memories that they will cherish for years to come.

- Anonymous





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*w h a t e v e r y o u r s p o r t ,
w e h a v e s o m e t h i n g f o r y o u !*



SCHOOL CLUBS

Term 1: September to October half term

Parents and carers of students in all year groups have been sent e-mail invites last Friday to attend clubs for their son/daughter. The email is headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk and the links will be safe for you to click on to confirm your child's attendance. If you have not received an email please check your junk / spam folders.

MY EVOLVE

In addition, 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.

CLUB NEWS:

New: Microbits Club

(please book in clubs email received last week)

- Morning Fitness Club will run on Wednesdays
- Costume Club will start on Tuesday 23rd September

CLUBS LIST FOR NEXT WEEK

GARDENING CLUB

We are delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students to Gardening Club!



It was a fragrant and relaxing afternoon on Tuesday as we harvested this year's lavender harvest. When the lavender has dried we will be using it to make lavender bags.

We also sampled some of our organic tomatoes which have done well this year.

Thank you to the PTFA for providing us with funds. We have recently bought a set of 'snips' which were very handy indeed this week.



Gardening Club meets every Tuesday after school. Room S12. All years welcome.

We particularly welcome Duke of Edinburgh Award students for either the volunteering or skills sections.

GARDENING CLUB

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ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME
IDEAL FOR DOFE VOLUNTEERING OR SKILLS

SINGING / INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS



Furze Platt Senior school is proud to offer a varied range of instrumental lessons including Singing.

These lessons are available across the whole school, from Year 7 to Year 13.

Instrument	Teacher	Details
Singing	Elin Da-	Musical Theatre, Pop, Classical
Piano	Elin Da-	Pop and Classical
Piano	Celia Arm- strong	Pop and Classical
Guitar/ Bass Gui- tar/ Ukulele	Max Randall	Rock/Pop/Classical
Drumming	Neill Ettridge	https:// www.berksmusictrust.org.uk/ music/music-lessons/ Externally administrated through Berkshire Maestros
Strings (violin, vio- la, cello)	Maestros teacher	https:// www.berksmusictrust.org.uk/ music/music-lessons/ Externally administrated through Berkshire Maestros

As with most schools, we have to charge for these lessons and fees are payable at the start of the term in advance. The internal music teachers have their own rates which are around £17 for 20 minutes or £22 for 30 minutes (2024/25 rates) Berkshire Maestros have their own rates, terms and conditions.

Notice periods are one (half) term so if a student decides to discontinue lessons, deadlines are the last Monday of Term 1 for finishing at the end of Term 2; the last Monday of Term 2 for finishing at the end of Term 3 and so on. Full terms and conditions are explained in the letters when a student signs up for lessons.

It is expected that students practise between lessons on their own instruments at home. While the Music

Department has facilities and resources, home learning is just as important as the lessons themselves. Music shops in the area have a variety of schemes to hire or buy instruments as well as online sites for new and pre-owned instruments.

As well as Music lessons, there are a wide variety of clubs for enrichment in the Music Department. We would love to have singers for the two choirs that run and students are welcome to join any of our clubs.

Miss M Barraclough, Head of Music



Details of trips have been sent out via Parentmail:

Costa Rica

There are a few spaces available; please see Parentmail for details. This is only for students in Years 11 and 12.

Wales

The deposit deadline has been extended to Friday 12th September.

Greece

Payments can now be made via Parentmail for the next instalments.

Longridge

Details of how to book the Year 7 trip to Longridge will be sent out in due course.



TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 6-8pm

Elevate Education will be holding a free webinar 'How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated on Tuesday 16th September from 6-7pm covering how to:

- **Use praise and reassurance** to motivate your child
- **Set effective and relevant goals** for your child

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

SALT & ICE CHALLENGE

RISKS TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Local Authority has made us aware of the below safeguarding concern. Please be vigilant regarding your children engaging in this dangerous challenge.

Background: The "Salt and Ice Challenge" is an online trend where young people place salt on their skin and press ice on top for as long as possible.

This creates a chemical reaction, rapidly lowering the temperature and causing cryogenic (cold) burns, similar to frostbite.

Children and young people may underestimate the harm as the cold numbs the skin, masking pain until significant damage has occurred.

Risks: Second- or third-degree burns, potential need for skin grafts, lasting scarring, nerve damage, and impact on wellbeing.

Peer and online pressure amplify the likelihood of wider uptake.

Immediate First Aid Advice: Cool the affected area under lukewarm running water for at least 10 minutes.

- Do not apply ice, creams, or fluffy dressings.
- Cover with clean cling film or smooth plastic.
- Seek medical attention for deep, blistered, or extensive burns.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



We are delighted to confirm that we will be running the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards to students in years 9, 10 and 12 this academic year. Further information will be distributed this term so please keep an eye on school communications with sign up instructions.

To those who worked towards completing the award during the last academic year, please can I take this opportunity to remind you to submit any outstanding assessor reports asap.

Please ensure :

reports have been submitted in the correct format (please check emails for information)

start and finish dates match what has been recorded on EDofE

Next steps for existing participants:

log onto EDofE to check the status of their programme of activities

when all assessor reports have been uploaded and approved, the account will be passed onto the Award Verifier

participants will receive an email upon successful completion of their DofE award

certificates and badges will be distributed next term

Miss Carty is based in AR3 this year so please feel free to pop in during break times if you need any support.

YEAR 7 FACEBOOK GROUP



Year 7 parents and carers can find their Facebook group page via the link below. Please make sure you answer all the questions to join.

YEAR 7 FACEBOOK PAGE





Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 2025, 6-8.30pm

All welcome, no booking required.



Open Morning School Tours

Tours available on the following dates:

SEPTEMBER

- TUE 16 - 10.10am
- WED 17 - 9.10am & 10.10am
- TUE 23 - 9.10am & 10.10am
- WED 24 - 10.10am
- THU 25 - 9.10am
- TUE 30 - 9.10am* & 10.10am

OCTOBER

- WED 1 - 10.10am
- TUE 7 - 9.10am & 10.10am
- TUE 14 - 9.10am & 10.10am
- WED 15 - 10.10am
- THU 16 - 9.10am
- TUE 21 - 9.10am* & 10.10am
- WED 22 - 10.10am

*SEND specific tours



Please call **01628 625308** to book a tour

office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com



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KS4 & 5 ART STUDIO

Wednesday afterschool I 15:15 - 16:00 I AR2

Art intervention for GCSE & A Level Art students



Elevate Education's Autumn Term Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated

16th September 6:00pm (BST)

How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time

30th September 6:00pm (BST)

How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams

14th October 6:00pm (BST)

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory

18th November 6:00pm (GMT)

How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child

2nd December 6:00pm (GMT)

How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

16th December 6:00pm (GMT)



Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>



Online information sessions for parents of children with SEND and Professionals

**Monday 15 September 2025
11am-12noon or 6-7pm.**

This session will focus on annual reviews and phase transfer.

To book, email:
SENDIASS@slough.gov.uk
(please specify AM or PM session)
or via
www.sloughsendiass.org.uk

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FITNESS AND STRENGTH FOR WOMEN

AN INTRODUCTION TO STRENGTH

WEDNESDAY 17TH
SEPTEMBER
6PM - 7.30PM

ST EDMUND CAMPION
SCHOOL STUDIO, MAIDENHEAD



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