

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Open Evening – Thursday 2nd October

Next Thursday sees one of the big events in our calendar with the Furze Platt Senior School Open Evening. I would like to thank our community in advance for helping on the night. I know students and staff will be running displays in classrooms and taking our visitors in school.



Members of the FPSS community are always great ambassadors for our school. Parents and carers have been sent details via Parentmail of how students can assist on the day. Please do give your consent on the form provided there if they would like to help.

A reminder that if you have any friends, family or neighbours with Year 5 and 6 children to please encourage them to attend next Thursday from 6pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week A)

ALL EVENTS

Forthcoming Events

THU 2 OCTOBER	Early School Finish	12.30pm finish
	Whole School Open Evening	6pm - 8.30pm
FRI 3 OCTOBER	INSET DAY - school closed for all year groups	
MON 6 OCTOBER	Year 13 Biology trip to Woolly Firs	
WED 8 THU 9 FRI 10 OCTOBER	Year 7 Teambuilding at Longridge	
THU 9 OCTOBER	Preparing to Succeed in Year 8	6.15-7.15pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Williams F1 STEM Trip

Thank you to all students and staff who supported the first of our two visits to Williams F1 this week. Williams staff commented on how engaged and invested students were throughout the day indicating they were one of the best groups they had hosted. I hope all enjoyed the visit, not least the simulators where I understand competition was fierce.

Pictures can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

INSET DAY - Friday 3rd October

Finally, a reminder that next Friday is an INSET day for teacher training; school will be closed for all year groups

Take care,

Dr Andrew J Morrison, Headteacher

(BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)

OPEN EVENING

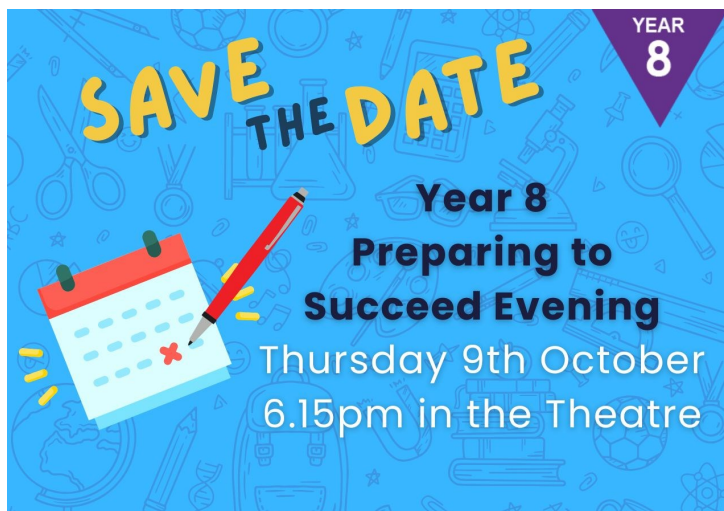
Thursday 2nd October 2025, 6-8.30pm

All welcome, no booking required.

OPEN MORNING TOURS

Please call **01628 625308** to book a tour or ask at Main Reception.





THAMES HOSPICE FUNDRAISING TALLY



After a few final donations and all funds from the breaktime stalls were added to the It's A Knockout event, we have arrived at a final, grand total for our latest fundraising event for Thames Hospice.

We are very pleased to announce that our amazing Furze Platt community has raised an incredible...

£10,704.24

...for Thames Hospice. This astonishing total wouldn't have been possible without the support and generosity of our staff, students, parents and carers so thank you to everyone who contributed and encouraged our fundraising this year!. Thank you so much, Furze Platt!



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FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

If you would like to sign up for Elevate Education's next webinar on **Time Management**, you can do so here: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukparentwebinar>

REGISTER HERE FOR TIME MANAGEMENT WEBINAR

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

Calling all alumni from Furze Platt Senior School!

If you studied at our school in the past and would be willing to share what you are doing now to inspire current students, we would love for you to feature in our Sixth Form Newsletter, our future alumni plans and more!

Please let us know if you would be interested by emailing us at office@furzeplatt.com and a member of staff will be in touch.



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





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 CLUBS

CLUBS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CLINICS

Term 1: September to October half term

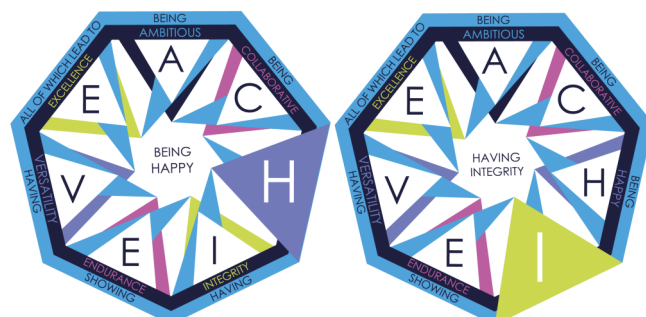
Parents and carers of students in all year groups have been sent e-mail invites last Friday to attend clubs for their son/daughter. The email is headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk and the links will be safe for you to click on to confirm 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.

CLUBS LIST FOR NEXT WEEK



FURZE PLATT
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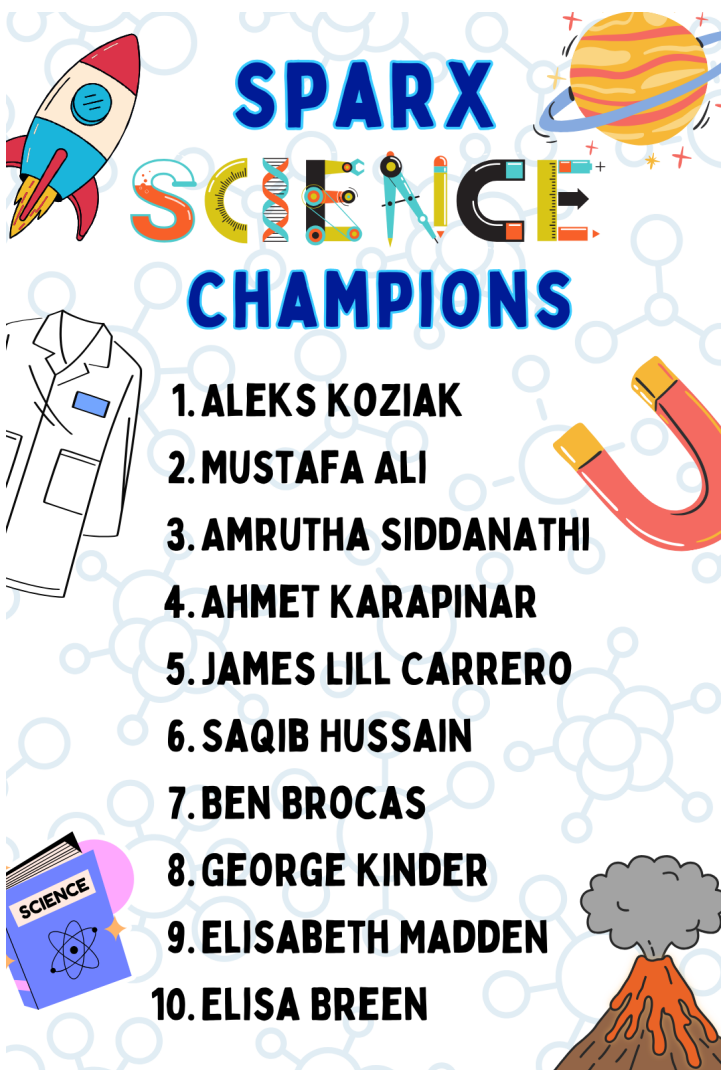
WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN EVENING 2025

Thursday 2nd October

6pm - 8.30pm

No booking required.

Well done to our top ten students this week!



SPARX SCIENCE CHAMPIONS

1. ALEKS KOZIAK
2. MUSTAFA ALI
3. AMRUTHA SIDDANATHI
4. AHMET KARAPINAR
5. JAMES LILL CARRERO
6. SAQIB HUSSAIN
7. BEN BROCAS
8. GEORGE KINDER
9. ELISABETH MADDEN
10. ELISA BREEN

FURZE PLATT SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR: IGNITING CURIOSITY AND COMPETITION!

Get ready for an explosive display of creativity and innovation at this year's FP Science Fair, scheduled to dazzle us this March! Our young scientists in Years 7,8&9 are gearing up to showcase projects that not only stretch their imagination but also sharpen essential academic and life skills.

Why a Science Fair?

Participating in the science fair allows students to engage deeply with scientific inquiry and engineering design processes. It nurtures curiosity, encourages methodical research, and fosters an understanding of scientific principles. Beyond the science, students develop invaluable skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and public speaking, as they prepare to present their projects to an audience of peers, parents, and teachers.



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.

Exciting Prizes Await!

All participants will get the chance to go on a school trip to the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham.

Winners will be entered into the Big Bang Fair with the chance to win £500.

Winners will receive trophies and rosettes. There will be lots of house points for all participants!

Mark Your Calendars!

This March, join us in celebrating the hard work and success of our students. The Science Fair isn't just a day for competition; it's a festive gathering of minds eager to learn and grow. Let's cheer for our young scientists as they make their mark, one discovery at a time!

Prepare to be amazed by the wonders of science and the brilliance of our students. We can't wait to see you there – more details to in due course!

SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES

Revision guides are now available to purchase for students in Years 10 and 11.

Please see Parentmail for more details.



WILLIAMS F1 STEM TRIP

Students and staff had a fantastic day out at Williams F1 STEM Day in Wantage.

The trip was aimed at introducing our young people to the world of motor racing and to support the industry in the future, alongside highlighting the importance of STEM subjects (including showcasing career possibilities).

Amy writes:

"Our visit to Williams Racing headquarters was an amazing experience that we all cherished. From challenges that tested our teamwork ability to testing our race skills on the simulators, I just know that absolutely everyone has memories that will stay with them for a lifetime. Whether you're a Formula 1 fan or not, we have all further developed our knowledge in the STEM field, which was the whole basis of this fabulous trip, in an unforgettable and memorable way. Thanks to Williams Racing."

Willow writes:

"I really enjoyed having the experience of the racing simulator as well as the tour of the museum whilst learning about the history of the cars. It was a very good trip."

Thanks to Miss Carty, Mr Bahra and all staff who supported this trip.

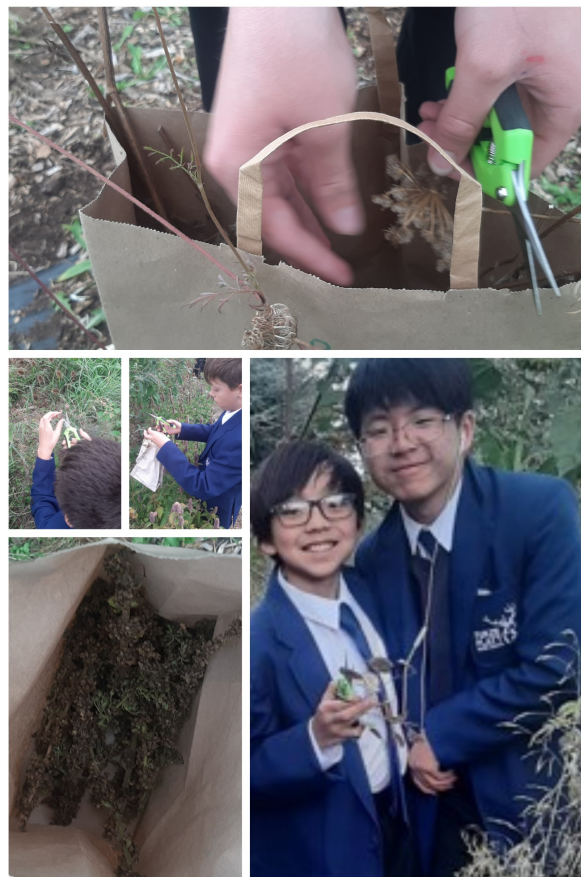


GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club have been busy collecting seed from the nature garden this week.



We will sow some of it later this month or in the spring. Again, we used our handy snips funded by the PTFA.



YEAR 7 TEAM BUILDING DAYS

OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first few days at Furze Platt Senior School – we are really excited to be able to take your child on the team building day at Longridge in October. Please read the following information carefully.



Form groups will be attending Longridge on one of the following days:

Wednesday 8 th October – 7PAH, 7ISW, 7ROA

Thursday 9 th October – 7SAM, 7IMT, 7DEN

Friday 10th October – 7TEF, 7PEB, 7SQM

Location – Longridge Activity Centre, Quarry Wood Road, Marlow, SL7 1RE

Arrive – 9am - Please drop students off at the Longridge carpark where there will be Furze Platt staff to welcome your child. There is a 20-minute max. wait time in the car park at the start and the end of the day. Please do not wait in the carpark once you have dropped your child as it will be busy and there are strict fines on all vehicles not signed in with Longridge. Please lift share if possible as this will help to ease congestion in the car park.

Depart – 3.00pm – Please collect your child from the Longridge carpark.

What to bring? Packed lunch, snacks, and drinks. Clothes suitable for outdoor activity and the weather! – No Jeans, shorts must be knee length. Closed-toe shoes must be worn i.e. old trainers – No Croc style footwear or sandals, walking boots are not allowed for water activities. Bring a second pair of shoes in case first pair get wet. Small towel (optional). Waterproof/windproof top if the weather is looking inclement. Sun cream and hat if necessary. Earrings and other jewellery must be removed before students can take part in activities.

The cost of the day is £40 – please make payment via ParentMail. Please make payments by Monday 29th September 2025. (It is strongly recommended that all Year 7 students attend – if there is an issue, please contact Mr Sam Bates, Head of Progress: Sam.Bates@furzeplatt.net or Mrs Harper, Pastoral

manager: Beth.Harper@furzeplatt.net). Medical Information If your child's medical information has changed since they joined the school, please make sure that it is updated by emailing our medical officer: Clara.Child@furzeplatt.net

Please note: if your child uses an inhaler or EpiPen, they must bring it with them to Longridge. Without it, they will not be able to take part in the activities.

Mr D Randall, Outdoor Education and Enrichment Lead

FREE TASTER MUSIC LESSONS

You can apply for drum kit, brass, violin and viola lessons at Furze Platt Senior School directly through Berkshire Music Trust.



We are pleased to be able to offer instrumental tuition onsite at school, during the school day. Your teacher will get in touch with you directly to arrange the day/time of the lesson.

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE SESSION

Put the code **'Free Taster'** into the comments box when you apply to meet your teacher and see what it's all about! Please note that by completing this form you are NOT committing to go ahead with lessons.

Paid for lessons are also available; details of this offer and lessons were sent out via Parentmail this week.



At Furze Platt we have an extensive careers programme, and dedicated careers guidance during PSHE and tutor time and through careers interviews.

CLICK HERE FOR CAREERS INFORMATION

If you have any questions or feel you can support with our careers programme of the yearly careers fair, please feel free to contact me via email (Judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net)

Mrs J Bubb

Level 6 Careers Leader

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

If you studied at our school in the past and would be willing to share what you are doing now to inspire current students, we would love for you to feature in our Sixth Form Newsletter, our Careers Fair, future alumni plans and more!

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CAN YOU HELP OUR LUNCHTIME NURTURE GROUP?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF BOARD GAMES, CARD GAMES, OR TOP TRUMPS

THIS GROUP PROVIDES A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-11 WHO BENEFIT FROM A CALMER, STRUCTURED SPACE DURING BREAKTIME.

The nurture group is an important provision in school, which helps our young people build positive relationships across the year groups, encouraging turn-taking, sharing, communication skills and learning cooperation and teamwork through play.

By having a range of fun, age-appropriate games, we can encourage positive social interactions for those who may find the playground overwhelming and increase engagement and enjoyment at lunchtime, making our school feel safe, welcoming, and inclusive.

If you have any spare games in good condition that you no longer need, please consider donating them to our nurture group. They will be very gratefully received and will make a real difference to our students' wellbeing.

Thank you.

PE - FROM CHAOS TO CALM

This week Year 8 Rugby students learnt the importance of collaboration to organise in their 'lines of running' rugby lesson. From chaos to calm in 3 seconds!



More PE photos overleaf.



In PE this week - from Outdoor and Adventurous games and challenges...



Inside for Joints and Movement, Floor is Lava and Rock, Paper, Scissors...



And over to our amazing leisure centre for morning fitness and basketball!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW HOUSE CAPTAINS!



	Eagles	Falcons
Year 7	Lily Tobin, Ben Owen	Zoey Nash, Nathan Carty
Year 8	Stephaine Halm, Finley Manders	Josh Rowles, Khalid Yusuf
Year 9	Angel Rafique, Jessica Simpson	Evie Smith, Lily Hobden
Year 10	Harry Strudwicke, Hussain Asghar	Seb Sutehall, Ciaran Farrell
Year 11	Azaan Ali, Hasan Ahmed	Jaydee Mitchell, Ameen Zafar
Sixth Form	Katie Stratton, Izza Kayani, Saurav Gummalla, Freya Stevenson, Finley McLaughlin, Connor Fitzgibbon	Finlay Hayward, Matilda Stockdale, Leo Starkey, Zainab Yusuf, Muhammad Ali, Frankie Hackett

	Hawks	Osprey
Year 7	Skye Easten, Yusuf Ahmed	Rohan Birk, Natalie Tatarova
Year 8	Julia Evans, Max Jenkins	Immy Robinson, Kamil Drozdowski
Year 9	Abbie Connell, Thea Winrow-Davies	Mya Birk, Sydney Gainor
Year 10	Maddie Bristow, Tillie Logie	Yui Pok Leung, Thomas Hughes-Parry
Year 11	Denis Senyurek, Laith Jehangiri	Amrutha Siddanathi, Sanaa Nasee
Sixth Form	Fred Fletcher, Lizzie Johnstone, Finn Wright, Ahmad Aljarah, Daniyah Ahmed, Mazin Kafori	Parv Saroha, Amelie Cooper, Ross Van Eeden, Ilyes Akkache, Lashvein Srisankar, Connor Hollins



HOUSE POINT WINNERS THIS WEEK

IT'S EAGLE HOUSE!

Well done to all students, there continues to be many reward points accumulated - here are the results:



HOUSE CHALLENGE: PUMPKIN CARVING

HOUSE CHALLENGE

CARVE A PUMPKIN AT HOME
EMAIL A PHOTO TO HOH@FURZEPLATT.NET
HEADED 'PUMPKIN CONTEST'

MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE:

- STUDENT NAME, HOUSE AND FORM
- PHOTO OF STUDENT WITH THE CARVED PUMPKIN

DEADLINE FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

Why not get your family involved and gain extra points for your House?



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

This platform can be found via the link below:

[LINK TO 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 and will enable parents to:

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

[LINK TO FREE QUSTODIO ACCOUNT](#)

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

Miss Lewis
Deputy Headteacher
Safeguarding and Interventions

TYING A TIE

Help your child master tying their school tie with a quick step-by-step video guide (below). Making mornings smoother and smarter!



REMINDER: CHECK PENCIL CASES THIS WEEKEND

Please could we ask all parents and carers to check their child's pencil case this weekend to ensure it is fully stocked for lessons. Having the correct equipment helps students to be prepared and ready to learn.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep students organised and ready for success.



All welcome to our

OPEN EVENING

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OPEN MORNING TOURS 2025

Please call **01628 625308** to book
a tour or ask at Main Reception.

SEP

- TUE 30 - 9.10am* & 10.10am

OCT

- 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





Make a Difference – Volunteer with Our Beavers and Cubs!

We're reaching out with an exciting opportunity to get involved and make a real difference in our young people's lives.

Our Thursday Beaver Colony and Tuesday Cub Pack are thriving – full of energy, curiosity, and adventure. But to keep delivering the amazing programmes they deserve, we urgently need more volunteers to help run our weekly sessions from September.

No experience is necessary – just enthusiasm, reliability, and a willingness to support.

Whether you can commit regularly or occasionally, every bit of help counts.

Scouting is one of the most rewarding ways to give back. You'll build skills, make new friends, and help shape the future – all while having loads of fun.

If you'd like to learn more or just have a chat about what's involved, please reply to this email or speak to one of the team.

Our young people need you. Will you join us?

With thanks,

Neil Trivedi

Group Lead volunteer

Furze Platt Scout Group

Maidenhead

07758 953366

gsl@fpscouts.org.uk



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Marlow Rugby Club U12s team is looking for new players to join their amazing and friendly team

**Training: Sundays 9.30-11am
Bar and food available after training**

Festivals throughout the year in the local area with a tour in the spring

**Contact:
U12.ago.marlowrufc@gmail.com**



**Marlow Rugby Club
Riverwoods Drive
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