

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Any Questions

I am looking forward to welcoming guests to BBC Radio 4s 'Any Questions' which is broadcasting live from the Furze Platt Theatre this (Friday) evening.

It is an honour for us to be hosting the event, and I look forward to hearing the questions posed by our community to the politicians on the panel. Many thanks to our Theatre Manager, Jennifer Bartram, for making this event happen.



Thank you to our PTFA

The final donations have now been counted and I am delighted to announce our wonderful PTFA raised £4000 with their Pre-Loved Sale last weekend. This money goes to support our students and we are very grateful to everyone who donated, attended or helped with this event. We are very grateful to our Librarian and PTFA Sale organiser Tessa Allanson for all her hard work.

Cyber Security

On Thursday we were fortunate to have Hiro Taylor from the South-East Cyber Crime Unit on site to talk to students and staff about this important issue. Many thanks to Hiro for leading the sessions and I am sure that they will have made many of us think about our own and school cyber security.

Summer Showcase Exhibition

Well done to all students whose work featured in our recent Summer Showcase Exhibition. It was a fantastic display and one that really showed the breadth and depth of our students' talent

Thank you also to our Head of Art Jags Bahra, and to all our Art team. Photos are on page 3 of this newsletter.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS - WEEK A

MON 13 JULY	Year 12 Careers Day (changed from 30th June)	
FRI 17 JULY	End of Term 6	12.30pm finish
TUE 1 & WED 2 SEPT	INSET Days	
THU 3 SEPT	Start of Term 1 for Years 7 and 12	
FRI 4 SEPT	Start of Term 1 for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13	

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Charity Fundraising

Thank you also to all those who gave so generously for our non-uniform day in aid of Thames Hospice. I hope that many of you visit our elephants before they return to FPSS to be part of our new mural design which is taking shape at the front of school.

Hot Weather

Once again temperatures have risen this week. We sincerely appreciate all parents and carers who have ensured their children attend with a water bottle, hat and suncream.

Nettlecombe

I hear that our Sixth Form students thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Nettlecombe for the Geography field trip completing work central to their A Level course.

Bon Voyage

Finally, our visit to Costa Rica left this week. I wish all students and staff a fabulous time.

Have a lovely weekend!

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

YEAR 12 MOCK INTERVIEW DAY: MONDAY 13TH JULY

On Monday, our Year 12 students will be taking part in our annual Mock Interview Day - an invaluable opportunity to prepare for the future.

Students will take part in one-to-one interviews with external professionals from a wide range of industries, gaining realistic interview experience, constructive feedback and valuable advice to help them develop their confidence and employability skills.

Now in its fourth consecutive year, this event continues to be a highlight of the Sixth Form calendar, with fantastic feedback from both students and interviewers.

A huge thank you to all the professionals who are generously giving up their time to support our students. We wish Year 12 the very best of luck, we know you'll do yourselves and Furze Platt proud!

More details can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.



YEAR
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PTFA PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE RAISES £4000!



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Furze Platt Senior School PTFA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on Saturday. We are especially grateful to all our donors and to the many volunteers who helped with set-up, organisation and running the event on the day – we simply couldn't have done it without you.



PTFA Meeting: Tuesday 22nd September, 7pm

If you would like to have a say in how these funds are used, please join us at the first PTFA meeting of the new academic year on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm. We'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Looking for second-hand uniform?

Remember that you can contact the PTFA throughout the year with any requests.

[CLICK HERE TO EMAIL THE PTFA UNIFORM TEAM](#)

Thank you once again for your support of our school.

Together, we continue to make a real difference for our students.



PPEs

Re-scheduled PPEs are due for next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (13th - 15th July).

Here is some guidance on the arrangements for the three days where re-scheduled PPEs will be sat.

Monday 13th July is a very small day for exams, with very few candidates sitting papers that afternoon. Any student who is sitting an exam on Monday afternoon is entitled to have the morning as study leave and should attend school for their exam.

Any Year 12 who does not have an exam on Monday is expected to be in school as usual for their normal timetable.

Mock Interviews

Monday 13th is also our mock interview day, which is a brilliant day for Year 12. Each student will have a time in the day where they will attend an interview with an industry professional in the Theatre. These will be 25 minutes in length and will offer valuable contact with employers that will give students a feel for what a formal interview is like.

Students do not need to prepare anything specific for the mock interviews other than bringing their CV with them. We will be supporting students in tutor time this week in getting all preparatory work done with the year group.

On Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July, most students in the year group will be taking one or more exams. All Year 12 will have study leave for these two days, meaning no students are expected in school on either Tuesday or Wednesday, other than to complete their examination.

Offering study leave on these two days is designed to look after the wellbeing of our Year 12 students and ensures that students sitting these re-scheduled PPEs have the same study leave provision as those that sat exams in the standard PPE window.

Year 12 will return to normal operation on Thursday 16th July, when all students will be expected back in school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and students for their flexibility and patience regarding the re-scheduled PPEs caused by recent extreme weather.

With very best wishes, for the next two weeks and the summer holidays when they arrive.

Mr P Ging, Head of Sixth Form

Ms A Palocsai, Head of Year 12

We were so impressed to hear that this fantastic artwork by Arshia Choudhary (Year 11) 'Focused on the Finish Line' has been selected to appear in the Royal Academy's Young Artists' Summer Show.

PLEASE CLICK HERE
TO VOTE FOR
'FOCUSED ON THE
FINISH LINE'

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SUMMER SHOWCASE EXHIBITION





YEAR 8 ENRICHMENT AFTERNOON

Year 8 students enjoyed an exciting Enrichment Afternoon this week, taking a break from their usual timetable to explore new interests, develop practical skills and learn in a different way.



With a fantastic range of activities to choose from - including Mural Painting, Pottery, AI Art, Creative Builders, Prosthetics, Orienteering, Cupcake Bake Off, History Escape Room, Microbits, Origami & Tangrams, Passport Project, Mini

Olympics, CSI Cluedo and Earthquake Engineering - there was something to inspire everyone.

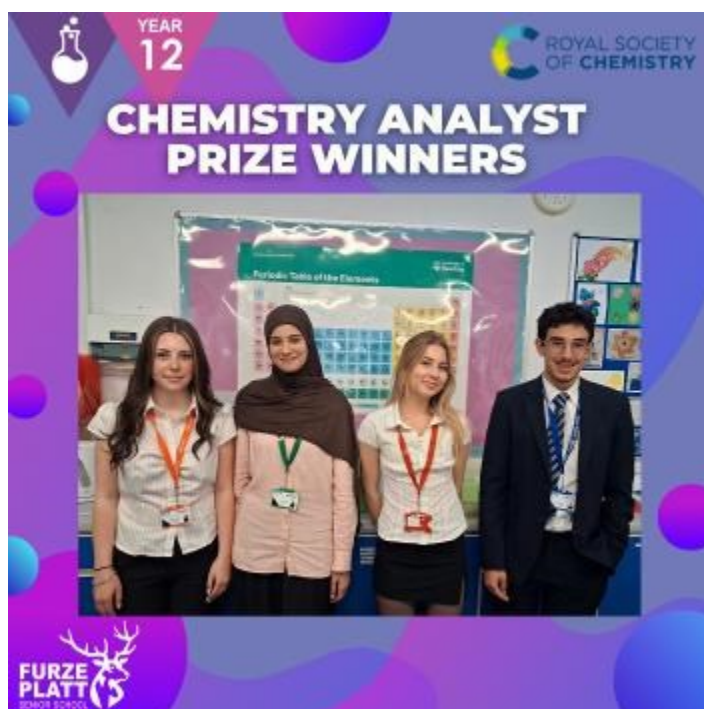
These enrichment afternoons encourage students to build confidence, think creatively, solve problems and work collaboratively, while discovering new hobbies and experiences beyond the classroom.

It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, curiosity and teamwork throughout the afternoon. Well done, Year 8!



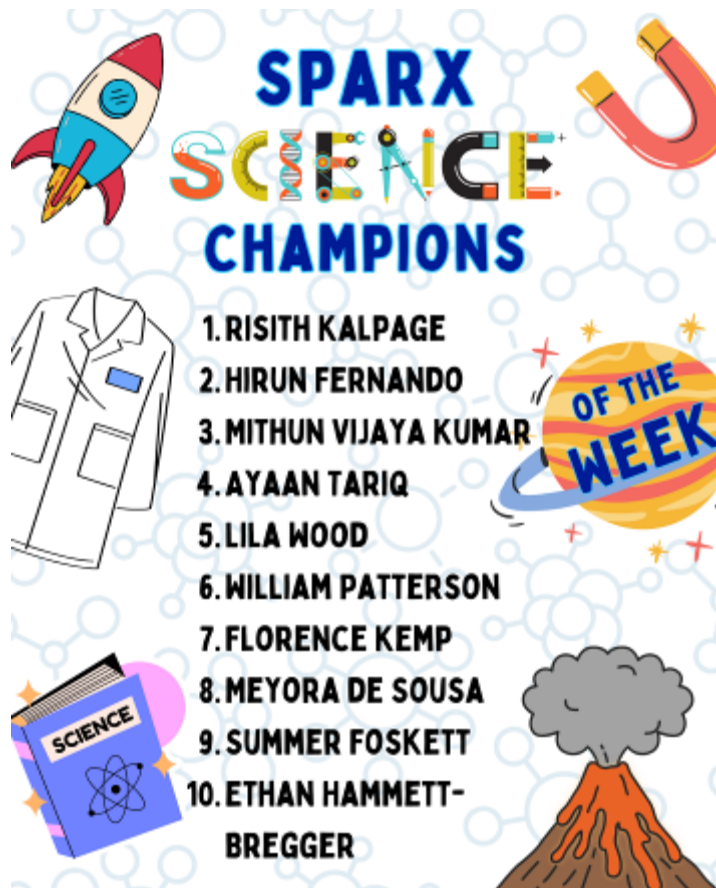
CHEMISTRY ANALYST PRIZE WINNERS!

Congratulations to all our Year 12 Chemists for taking part in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Schools Analyst Competition earlier this year. We have recently received confirm from the Royal Society that the Furze Platt winners were Einaya Ammar and Niamh Brennan, with Tabitha Gie and Mazin Kafori coming second and Mohammed Alhasimi and Adam Wilson coming third – Well done!



This year students were given the scenario of working as a forensic scientist investigating the potential poisoning of research chemist. They used analytic techniques to check the caffeine levels within the victim's coffee, the pigments present in their lipstick and checked for any abnormal impurities in their moisturiser.

The Schools Analyst Competition runs every year in Term 4 for Chemistry students in Year 12.



Students visited Watchet and Minehead for various data collection tasks and they've also had a number of in-class sessions back at the field study centre to help them brush up on the skills needed to complete their independent investigation.

Besides the real work, field trips are a great opportunity for our pupils to create some new experiences together; we got to enjoy fish and chips, and ice creams at the seaside. They also had a lovely campfire with marshmallows on the last evening.

As a bonus treat, the field centre was also able to accommodate our request to watch the England vs Mexico WC game at 2am on Monday, which was watched by around 12 pupils alongside Mr Ryan.

A very worthwhile and tiring few days for all!



YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO NETTLECOMBE

The Year 12 Geographers have been on a residential trip to Somerset from Sunday 5th - Weds 8th July working towards their non-examined assessment element of their A Level Course.





YEAR 10 TRIP TO GREECE

It was certainly all systems go after we arrived in Kefalonia, with a 5:30am wake-up to prepare breakfast and get two groups out snorkelling before carrying out a seagrass survey to capture images for data collection and depth measurements.

Some free time meant more time on the beach, soaking up the sunshine, enjoying some rock pooling, and even spotting an eel! This afternoon featured an interactive workshop all about turtle biology and how to conduct the harbour surveys of the turtle population around the island.



The weekend began with a 4:30am start to monitor turtle nesting beaches, where students helped conservationists carefully relocate a nest containing an incredible 111 turtle eggs to a safer location, protecting it from tourist activity.

They've also completed harbour surveys in Argostoli, observing and recording turtle behaviour in the wild, before enjoying some well-earned downtime exploring the town and relaxing by the sea.

On Monday, students carried out seagrass surveys during a double snorkelling session, contributing to important marine conservation work while learning valuable fieldwork and research skills.

Despite the early starts, the heat and the packed schedule, our students have shown outstanding resilience, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout. Mr Gill, Ms Willis and Mr Constable are so proud of their positive attitude, adaptability and willingness to embrace every challenge!



What an unforgettable week it has been!

Over the last few days, our Year 10 students have continued their vital conservation work, helping to locate and safely relocate even more turtle nests alongside the fantastic team at Wildlife Sense. Their enthusiasm, dedication and willingness to embrace every early start impressed everyone they worked with.

The week also included time to reflect on how the data they collected will contribute to real scientific research, giving students a valuable insight into the impact of citizen science and conservation.

Students also visited a local apiary to learn about the importance of bees and biodiversity, before rounding off the expedition with an incredible boat trip around Kefalonia. From snorkelling in crystal-clear waters to



exploring hidden beaches and making memories with friends, it was the perfect way to celebrate an amazing week.

As the trip comes to an end, we couldn't be prouder of how our students have represented Furze Platt. They have shown resilience, teamwork, curiosity and kindness throughout, embracing every challenge and opportunity with enthusiasm.

A huge thank you to all at Wildlife Sense, Flooglebinderuk, and of course our staff team - Mr Gill, Ms Willis and Mr Constable - for making this incredible experience possible.



SCHOOL CLUBS - TERM 1

Clubs for Term 1 (September) will be sent out on Friday 11th September 2026.

Please do not delete clubs emails as more clubs may be added. Please check junk/spam folders if the email from edufocus (evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk) is not found. To sign up for My EVOLVE for club overviews, follow these steps:

1. Click the link in the email.
2. Press the 'create account' button.

CLUBS LIST FOR NEXT WEEK





WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS



6332



5936



7742



6564



Well done to our Hawks who have won again week!

Great work to all our Hawks for their contributions.



OUR AMAZING HOUSE CAPTAINS

A huge thank you to our House Captains for all their hard work, dedication, and support throughout the year. Your leadership and commitment have made a real difference to our school community.

We hope you enjoyed your well-deserved ice cream as a small token of our appreciation!



HOUSE CHALLENGE

Elephant spotting in Maidenhead...



We have had a great response from eagle eyed students out and about in Maidenhead spotting Borough and Scout, our elephants for Trunks across the Thames, the latest Thames Hospice fundraiser.



You can find our FPSS elephants here from 13th July to 13th September:

- Borough will be at the Thames Hospice Shop in Maidenhead
- Scout will be at Sip and Conquer

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...you can ask the police to check whether their current or ex-partner has a history of abusive or violent behaviour.

This is known as making a 'Right to Ask' request under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS), also called Clare's Law.

Clare's Law covers all forms of domestic abuse – physical violence, controlling or coercive behaviour, economic or sexual abuse.

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