

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Newsletter - Issue #79.3



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Headteacher Breakfasts

On Thursday and Friday, as well as next week, I have had the pleasure of hosting ninety Key Stage 3 students for breakfast.

Students are chosen based upon their efforts in the previous (Spring) term. The event gives me the chance to congratulate our students for their achievements via hot chocolate and pastries! More than that, I get a chance to hear from our students what they are enjoying and what they would like to see developed at FPSS.



I look forward to welcoming many more students in the future.

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of hearing Alice and Amy prepare for the final of this competition. An enormous amount of work had gone into the presentation and prototypes. A huge congratulations to them both for showing what students in our community can ACHIEVE.

Junior Maths Challenge

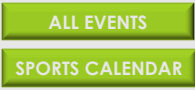
Many congratulations to the over 150 Year 7, 8 and 9 students who participated in the challenge on Wednesday. I hear there were some tricky questions but I am sure that our students will have done well. Good luck to all on the results!

Examinations

Well done to all those who completed various examinations this week. There is only one regular week of school left for our Year 11 and 13 before the examination season starts in earnest. Keep going and, as ever, thanks for all your support at home.



UPCOMING EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS - WEEK B

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| MON 4 MAY | Bank Holiday Monday | |
| TUES 5 MAY | Year 6 Parents Induction Evening | 6.30-8pm |
| WED 20 - FRI 22 MAY | Silver DofE Training Expedition | |
| THU 21 - FRI 22 MAY | Bronze DofE Training Expedition | |
| FRI 22 MAY | End of Term 5 | 3.15pm finish |
| MON 25 - FRI 29 MAY | May Holidays | |
| MON 1 JUNE | Start of Term 6 (Week A) | |

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Bank Holiday Monday

I wish you all a glorious Bank Holiday weekend. We will reopen for all year groups on Tuesday 5th May.

Take care,

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



PARENTAL SURVEY - CLUBS AND ENRICHMENT

At Furze Platt Senior School, we value the role that clubs and enrichment activities play in supporting students' personal development, wellbeing and enjoyment of school life.

We are currently reviewing our clubs programme and would welcome feedback from parents and carers.

The survey covers:

- * Your child's experience of school clubs
- * What is working well
- * Any barriers to participation
- * Clubs or activities you would like us to consider offering in the future

We have also asked students for their opinions. Both surveys will be anonymous and should take around 5 minutes to complete.

Your views, and those of your sons and daughters, will help us ensure our enrichment provision continues to meet the needs and interests of our students.

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. If you have already completed this thank you very much for your prompt response.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO ACCESS SURVEY](#)

"We continue to reinforce the behaviours we expect not just in **ACHIEVE** points but also via the range of rewards we offer students from chocolate to vouchers, queue passes to cinema trips, celebration assemblies and awards."



YEAR 9 EXAMINATIONS



We are fast approaching examination fortnight for Year 9. During the period from 1st June to 12th June, students in Year 9 will complete an end of year examination in each of their subjects, apart from PE. The purpose of these examinations is to accurately assess their knowledge and understanding of the curriculum, to measure attainment and progress, to inform future teaching, and to prepare them for the rigour and challenge of GCSE assessment. The results from these examinations will inform the final grade that is reported home to parents and carers on 3rd July.

Examinations will take place in classrooms during normal timetabled lessons and typically last approximately 45 minutes. Individual staff and departments will be posting the dates of their examinations on Class Charts, as well as posting a list of topics and revision materials. In the lead up to the examination staff will spend at least one lesson working on revision techniques to prepare students for their examination. Staff will provide additional exam access arrangements for qualifying students. All students and their families have been contacted already with information about access arrangements.

Your support at home in providing both encouragement and a suitable working environment for their revision would be very helpful.

Mr Andrew Wyles

Mr Ben Corbett

Assistant Headteacher

Head of Progress Year 9

YEAR 6 INFORMATION EVENING



Tuesday 5th May - presentation 6.30pm

We are looking forward to seeing many of our current parents at our upcoming Year 6 Information Evening on Tuesday.

Due to limited space, we please request students do not attend and only one parent/carer from each family is present. Please walk to the event where possible.

There will be staff and signage to direct you to the theatre on the evening or you can find a map via the link below:

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR A MAP OF THE SCHOOL](#)

**FURZE PLATT U13 FOOTBALL TEAM
ARE LEAGUE CUP CHAMPIONS!**



Following the success of our Year 10s, our Year 8 football team were also crowned League Cup champions on Friday with a fantastic 4–2 win against Sandhurst at Ascot United FC.



After an earlier 4–4 draw this season, the boys showed real resilience, confidence and teamwork, rising to the challenge when it mattered most. Their hard work and commitment were on full display with a range of stand out performances but a special mention must go to Findlay Codd for an outstanding hat-trick performance.

A brilliant achievement and a proud example of our students thriving through teamwork, determination and ambition. Well done Year 8 and coach Mr Kalinowski!

The team:

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| Ibraheem Afzal | Will Kenny |
| Finnlay Annetts | Alfie Murray |
| Ted Atkins | Jack Novell |
| Sahil Azzer | Nour Shima |
| Matthew Campbell | Jude Traut |
| Diego Cilia | Rory Walters |
| Findlay Codd | Matthew Winton |
| Henry Collins | Khalid Yusuf |



More PE photos on page 11

**PTFA MEETING
ALL WELCOME
MONDAY 11TH MAY, 7.30PM**

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the next PTFA meeting on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm. The PTFA plays a vital role in supporting school life, raising funds for valuable projects and resources that benefit all pupils.

Attending a meeting is a great way to hear about how funds are used, share ideas, and help shape future activities. It's also a relaxed opportunity to get to know other parents and find out how you can be involved; whether that's helping at events, supporting school concerts and productions, or simply staying informed.

New faces are always welcome, and there's no obligation to volunteer - just come along and be part of the conversation.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more about our PTFA please visit our website:

CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR PTFA



SAVE THE DATE!
OUR NEXT PTFA MEETING
IS ON MONDAY 11TH MAY

ALL Welcome



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN

YEAR 13 YEAR GROUP PHOTO

**Deadline for free delivery to school:
Sunday 17th May**

The year group photo for Year 13 is now available to order from Cardwell and Simons. Parents and carers of students in Year 13 have been sent the link via Parentmail.

TEACH MAIDENHEAD INTERNSHIPS

Deadline extended to Friday 8th May

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in gaining real experience in education? The Teach Maidenhead Internship Programme offers a fantastic opportunity to work alongside professionals in a school setting, develop new skills and explore a career in teaching.

Applications for the Summer programme have been extended and are now open until 8am on Friday 8th May.

Don't miss this chance to get involved, build confidence and make a real impact in the classroom.



Greece Turtle Conservation Trip Meeting: Thursday 14th May at 6pm

During the evening, we will share key information about the trip, including:

- Travel arrangements
- Accommodation details
- Planned itinerary and conservation activities
- Kit list and packing guidance
- Medical considerations

Food and dietary arrangements

We will be joined by a representative from Flooglebinder and there will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions.

Important: Please ensure that your child brings their passport to the meeting so that we can take a copy for our records.

We strongly encourage all parents/carers to attend, as this meeting will help ensure that both you and your child feel fully prepared for the trip.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr D Randall, Outdoor Education and Enrichment Leader



[CLICK HERE FOR TEACH MAIDENHEAD INTERNSHIPS](#)

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FIND OUT MORE

WWW.TEACHMAIDENHEAD.CO.UK
TEACH.MAIDENHEAD@FURZEPLATT.NET

SCHOOL UNIFORM



We are incredibly proud of our school community and of the high standards our students uphold each day. We firmly believe that wearing the correct uniform, being fully equipped, demonstrating positive behaviour and attending school regularly all play a vital role in helping students learn successfully and achieve their full potential.

Over recent weeks, however, we have noticed an increasing number of students not meeting our expectations regarding school uniform. In particular, we have seen students wearing false eyelashes, trainers, skirts that are too short and jewellery that is not permitted under our Uniform Policy.

Time that should be focused on learning, progress and celebrating achievements is instead being spent reminding students of basic expectations. We are therefore asking for your support in ensuring that all students return to school fully compliant with our uniform standards.

We would like to sincerely thank the many parents, carers and students who consistently take pride in their appearance and support the school's expectations. Following the holiday, regular uniform checks will take place to ensure standards are maintained across the school.

Please ensure that:

- your child has the correct uniform;
- uniform is worn appropriately each day;

all items are clearly named so lost property can be returned promptly.

Please note that the school reserves 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 uniform is practical, affordable and of good quality. The guidance below is intended to help families avoid purchasing items that do not meet school expectations. If you are unsure about any item, please contact the school before making a purchase.

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 for 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. Logos, trainers, trainer-style shoes, canvas shoes, heels, boots, Crocs or backless shoes are not permitted.

*Items marked with an asterisk are available from Hawkinsport, Bourne End. Please click the link at the bottom of this page to access the online shop. Free weekly deliveries to school are available on Thursdays during term time. When ordering, please include your child's name and form group at checkout.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that any acrylic or false nails, coloured nail varnish or false eyelashes applied during the holiday period must be removed before students return to school. In line with our policy, nail varnish must be clear, and false nails, nail extensions and false eyelashes are not appropriate for the school environment. These can also pose health and safety risks, particularly during practical subjects such as PE.

Any student not meeting these expectations including wearing inappropriate skirts, trainers, leggings or jewellery will be asked to rectify the issue promptly.

We greatly appreciate your continued support in ensuring that all students arrive at school ready to learn, dressed appropriately and taking pride in being part of our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR HAWKINSPOINT WEBSITE](#)



Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies - deadline for orders Tuesday 5th May



Leavers' Hoodies can now be ordered via Hawkinsport on the link below. We will be in contact in due course with a collection date.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER LEAVERS' HOODIES](#)

Year 11 Exam Phase 1 - Thursday 7.5.26 – Thursday 21.5.26 (inclusive)

A reminder that there will be a full revision / final preparation programme throughout the exam period, with subject-specific preparation sessions as short a time as possible before the exam. (This will normally be the afternoon before a morning exam or the morning before an afternoon exam – where it does not clash with another exam.)

During Exam Phase 1, students will either be in an exam, a revision session for that exam or in their normal lessons. When in normal lessons, students will have a choice of either working with their teacher for that subject or to revise for another subject – quiet study will be expected. However, students will not be expected to attend tutor time and will thus not be required in school until 8.45am if they have a 9.00am exam or 9.10am if they are going to normal lessons or a revision session. When students have an afternoon exam they will be permitted to leave the school site as soon as the exam finishes.

Exam Phase 2 – Friday 22.5.26 – Wednesday 17.6.25 (inclusive)

Students will attend their exams and the associated revision sessions. When they are not in an exam or a revision session they will have Home Study, where they will be expected to be working at home preparing for their next exam. Access to the library to study during phase 2 is possible for limited number of students, however permission will need to be given by myself or Mr Jones in advance. Please contact us if you would like your child to be considered: (james.dollery@furzeplatt.net and nicolas.jones@furzeplatt.net).

Details of the revision programme that will run during Exam Phases 1 & 2 will be shared once published.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Jones.

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 11 LEAVERS' EVENTS

Graduation: Wednesday 17th June at 4.30pm

Our formal Graduation Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 17th June at 4.30pm, to which Year 11 parents and carers are warmly invited. **Please note that due to the size of the Year 11 cohort and limited space in the Sports Hall, each family is limited to a maximum of 2 tickets (including younger children who need a seat).**

This is a free event, and Year 11 students do not need a ticket. To reserve your two family tickets, please book via the link below by Friday 22nd May.

[BOOK GRADUATION TICKETS HERE](#)

On the day students should arrive at school by 3.45pm at the latest in order to change into their gowns. They will meet their Tutors in the English block. School uniform should be worn (although it is not necessary to wear a blazer). **Please note, parents should arrive from 4pm - no earlier - for the Graduation Ceremony.**

On Graduation Day, students will also be expected to return any outstanding learning resources (e.g. textbooks) which belong to the school.

Year 11 Prom: Thursday 18th June

Details of this year's Year 11 Prom have been sent to Year 11 parents and carers this week. For more details please see Parentmail.

BERKSHIRE BOOK AWARDS – TIME TO VOTE

Deadline: Wednesday 6th May

Calling all students! Voting for the Berkshire Book Awards closes on Wednesday 6th May, so don't miss your chance to support your favourite read.

Vote here:

[CLICK HERE TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE READ](#)



This year's shortlist includes:

- The Grandest Game – Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- A Box Full of Murders – Janice Hallett
- The First Year – Matt Goodfellow
- Under a Fire-Red Sky – Geraldine McCaughrean
- Skandar and the Spirit War – A.F. Steadman
- Mondays Are Murder – Ravena Guron
- Impossible Creatures: The Poisoned King – Katherine Rundell
- Lottie Brooks vs the Ultra Mean Girls – Katie Kirby

Once you've voted, let us our FPSS librarians know which one you voted for—we'd love to see if the school's favourite matches the overall winner, announced on 13th May!

Happy reading and voting!



YEAR 9 NUTRITION & HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

This week, our Year 9 students took part in an engaging nutrition talk during PSHE, learning all about healthy lifestyles and the importance of making informed food choices.

A big thank you to all at Accent Catering for delivering such an informative session and helping bring the topic to life.

To put their learning into practice, students also enjoyed healthy pop-up stalls at break time in the Main Hall, sampling options such as fresh salads, energy balls and oat smoothies

A fantastic way to combine learning with real-life choices. Well done, Year 9!



NUTRITION TALK



**WEEKLY
HOUSE
POINTS**



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HOUSE WINNERS THIS WEEK



Great work from our Falcons, this week's winners!

Great work, keep it up!



HOUSE ACHIEVE CHALLENGE

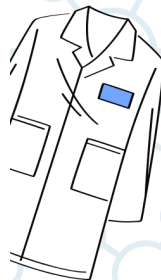
This week's ACHIEVE challenge was to guess the World Cup theme song.

The challenge was created by our Year 8 House Captains, well done to them all for organising!



SCIENCE STARS OF THE WEEK

Super Science work everyone!



1. OSCAR CARTY
2. SELIN SENYUREK
3. SIMON LASMANIS
4. CHARLIE HULL
5. MEYORA DE SOUSA
6. AHMED ALI
7. LILY SMITH
8. MITHUN VIJAYA KUMAR
9. LUCAS BRYANT
10. VIVAAN PATHAK



UPDATING STUDENT DETAILS

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS PARENTS ADMISSIONS PASTORAL CURRICULUM SIXTH FORM VACANCIES CONTACT US RESOURCES

- > GENERAL ENQUIRY FORM
- > OPTING OUT - GDPR & CONSENT
- > PUBLICATION REQUEST FORM
- > FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND STAFF CONTACT LISTS
- > UPDATING STUDENT DETAILS
- > MEDICAL INFORMATION
- > SKILLS REGISTER
- > STAFF APPRECIATION

NEWSFLASH

PARKING: Parents must not drive onto the school site to drop off or pick up their children. There is a limited amount of parking space available outside the school with restrictions at certain times. <https://www.furzeplatt.com/page?title=Cycling+and+Parking&pid=587>

New address? New phone number?
Change in medical information?
It's easy to keep us up to date!

STUDENTDETAILS@FURZEPLATT.NET

What is the World Cup?

- The Fifa World Cup is one of the biggest football competitions in the world.
- The tournament is organised by FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association/International Association Football Federation). FIFA are the international governing body for football.
- The World Cup takes place every 4 years and only the best teams qualify for the tournament.
- This year the World Cup is taking place in the United States, Mexico and Canada.





Parents and carers of students received invitations at the end of last term to book clubs for this term at Furze Platt Senior School. Please do not delete these emails as more clubs may be added. Check junk/spam folders if the email (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.

How can...

...my child take part in clubs and activities at FPSS?

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| SCIENCE CLUB | GARDENING CLUB | ROCKSTARS |
| TECHNICAL THEATRE CLUB | FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL | GREENPOWER CLUB |
| INFINITY CLUB | MORNING FITNESS | DEBATE CLUB |

Please note:

- Bookings must be made through the original email invitations sent on 27th March.
- To choose dates, please click on the activity name.
- Avoid duplicating bookings for the same session.
- Upper-year students may receive invitations to non-relevant academic clubs; select only appropriate sessions.
- To remove a student from a club, please email enrichment@furzeplatt.net

CLUBS LIST FOR NEXT WEEK

GARDENING CLUB



Gardening Club took advantage of the great weather to mulch our young trees by the nature garden fencing.

We welcome all year groups and we can assess the skill and volunteering sections of the Duke of Edinburgh award. Every Tuesday after school.

We look forward to seeing you there!



'The school is rightly proud of its extra-curricular provision.'

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FUNDRAISING AT FURZE PLATT

Pre-Loved To Re-Loved Sale

Our Raise & Give students are hosting a Pre-Loved Clothing Sale to raise money for Thames Hospice.



RAISE & GIVE STUDENTS PRESENT

PRE-LOVED TO RE-LOVED

Calling all those with older teenage kids!

A Pre-Loved Clothing Sale fundraising event for **Thames Hospice**

HOW IT WILL WORK
We collect donated pre-loved items of clothing or accessories which are in good condition and suitable for Sixth Formers (e.g. smart clothes for uniform, casual clothes, party outfits, fancy dress, bags, hats, belts, jewellery, but **NO** shoes)

WE SELL THEM
We sell them on **Wed 6th May** during both breaks & REC to students in the Sixth Form.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THAMES HOSPICE.
Any remaining un-sold items will go to the Thames Hospice charity shops.

*Good for people.
Good for the planet.
Great for charity!*

The event promotes **sustainability**
Helps those who are **struggling financially**
Supports an **amazing charity**

HOW CAN YOU HELP? If you have any items of clothing or accessories that your teenagers are willing to part with, please contact Claire.beale@furzeplatt.net

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We're calling on families with older teenagers - if you have any good-quality clothes or accessories suitable for Sixth Form students, we would love your donations!

What we're looking for:

Smart wear, casual outfits, partywear, fancy dress, bags, hats, belts & jewellery (no shoes please)

Sale Date: Wednesday 6th May

During break times & REC (Sixth Form students)

To donate, please contact: Claire.beale@furzeplatt.net or to the Sixth Form Office, clean, in good condition and on a hanger. Thank you for your support!

Trunks Across The Thames

Visit the Trunks Across The Thames trail, opening Monday 13th July - a free, family-friendly celebration of art, creativity and community.



In the meantime, you can still support our fundraising for Thames Hospice via the links below:

[DONATE TO THAMES HOSPICE HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR CHARITY AUCTION \(LOTS 1-500\)](#)

The Tree Council - Growing School Orchards



Our school received a free school orchard / fruiting hedgerow from The Tree Council. Now, our FPSS community can help others benefit from wildlife-sheltering, carbon-storing, fruiting school orchards and hedgerows too!

[CLICK HERE TO SUPPORT THE TREE COUNCIL](#)





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Are you caring for a child under Kinship Care or have an adopted child?

Kinship carers are family or friends who step up, often during an unexpected crisis, to care for a child when their parents aren't able to.

Kinship caring includes:

- informal kinship care
- kinship foster care
- private foster care
- Special Guardianship
- Child Arrangement Orders
- testamentary guardianship
- adoption

Furze Platt recognises the commitment of Kinship carers and Adoptive Parents.

There is a growing range of external support available to families including the below resources:

Kinship

[CLICK HERE FOR KINSHIP.ORG,UK](http://www.kinship.org.uk)

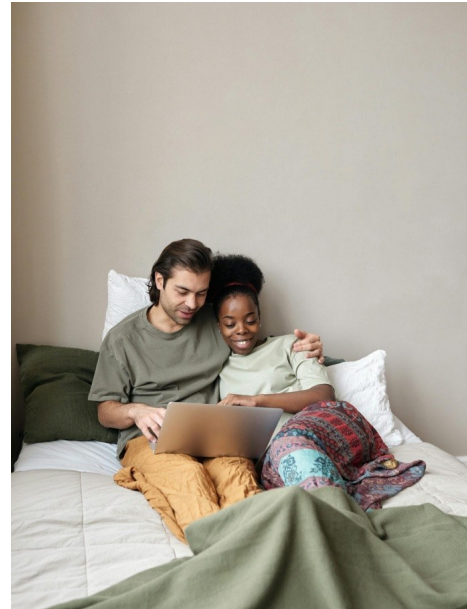
Adoption and Special Guardianship support fund

[CLICK HERE FOR SUPPORT FUND](#)

Adoption South East



[CLICK HERE FOR ADOPTION SOUTHEAST](#)



[CLICK HERE FOR PACT CHARITY](#)

RBWM Achieving for Children Kinship Support

[CLICK HERE FOR ACHIEVING FOR CHILDREN KINSHIP SUPPORT](#)

Thames Valley Adoption

[CLICK HERE FOR THAMES VALLEY ADOPTION](#)

Slough Kinship Support

[CLICK HERE FOR SLOUGH KINSHIP SUPPORT](#)

Buckinghamshire - Special Guardianship as Support

[CLICK HERE FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE KINSHIP SUPPORT](#)

For further support for your child please contact

Miss L Lewis

Designated Teacher/ Deputy Headteacher

Laura.lewis@furzeplatt.net

Safeguarding Focus : Vaping



ASH research group states that 20% of 11–17-year-olds have tried vaping, an estimated 1.1 million. · Where as 7% of teenagers currently vape.

5 things you need to know:

The law

It's illegal to purchase nicotine vapes for under-18s in the UK. It is also now illegal for shops to sell single use disposable vapes. Possessing or using vapes with THC or Spice can also lead to legal trouble, including criminal charges as these are Class B drugs.

Vaping is not risk-free

While vaping is often marketed as safer than smoking, it still carries health risks - especially for young people. Vapes can contain harmful substances including nicotine, which is addictive as well as other chemicals and substance

Some vapes contain illegal or dangerous substances

There have been national reports of vapes containing THC (the psychoactive compound in cannabis) or synthetic cannabinoids like Spice, which can be extremely dangerous and unpredictable. These are Class B drugs and are illegal.

Vapes containing THC are also sold as California pens or 'Cali pens'. They may show images of cannabis leaves or have screw on cartridges which are unlabelled.

THC and Spice are especially risky

Spice is a man-made drug that can cause severe side effects such as paranoia, hallucinations, seizures, and even death. Police have found some vapes to contain Spice without users knowing causing significant danger to health.

Danger to development

Use of vapes can be dangerous to health for anyone but especially for young people who are growing and developing. There are short term impacts to memory and learning but also long-term brain development.

How to help your child

Talk openly and early with your child

Start conversations about vaping early, in a calm and non-judgmental way. Ask what they know, share facts, and listen to their views. This builds trust and keeps communication open.

Be aware of the signs of vaping

Look out for signs like sweet or fruity smells, increased thirst, nosebleeds, or changes in behaviour. Vapes can be small and easy to hide, so stay observant.

Help them understand peer pressure

Teens may vape to fit in. Help them build confidence to say no and offer ways to handle peer pressure without feeling left out.

Set clear expectations and boundaries

Let your child know your stance on vaping and why. Be consistent but supportive, and explain the reasons behind your rules.

Encourage healthy coping strategies

Teens may turn to vaping to manage stress or anxiety. Encourage healthier alternatives like exercise, hobbies, or talking to someone they trust.

Where to go for help

If you are concerned your child is vaping or using illegal substances please contact the below services:

Contact Furze Platt Senior School Safeguarding Team

[CLICK HERE FOR SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING TEAM](#)

Visit Talk to Frank

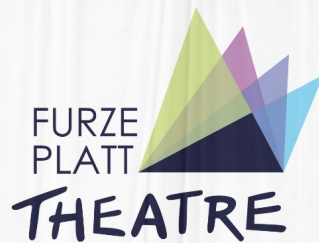
[CLICK HERE FOR TALK TO FRANK WEBSITE](#)

NHS addiction support page for confidential advice and resource

[CLICK HERE FOR NHS ADDICTION SUPPORT PAGE](#)

[Young people and vaping](#)

Vaping is not recommended for young people under 18 because it is not harmless. Find out how to talk to them about vaping.



WE ARE HIRING! CASUAL THEATRE TECHNICIANS

for Evening, Weekend and School Holiday events

DO YOU HAVE SKILLS IN LIVE EVENT SOUND AND LIGHTING?

We are expanding our team to support our growing programme of live events—from musical theatre and dance to stand-up comedy and cultural performances.

This opportunity is ideal for Sixth Form and undergraduate students looking to build experience in live events, as well as adults with existing technical skills who can offer flexible availability. Pay will be dependent on skills and experience.

For further details contact:

Jennifer Bartram, FPSS Theatre Manager
jennifer.bartram@furzeplatt.net / 01628 625308 ext. 169

THE BLEND CHOIR Summer Concert

SATURDAY 11TH JULY
7.30PM

BAYLIS THEATRE

BRAYWICK LEISURE CENTRE, BRAYWICK ROAD, MAIDENHEAD, SL6 1BN



Tickets £15
info@theblendchoir.co.uk
Bar & Raffle

HOLYPORT VILLAGE FAIR

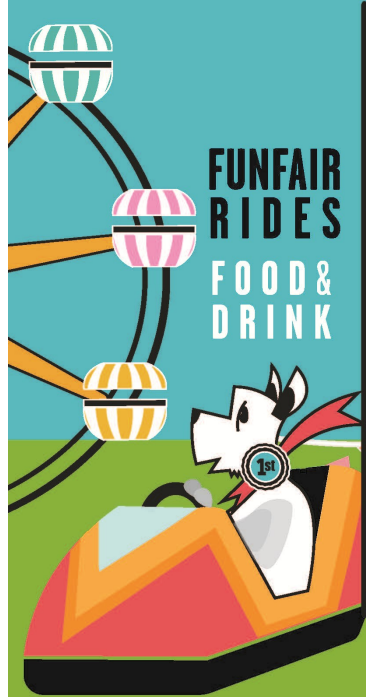
SATURDAY
6th June

FUNFAIR
RIDES
FOOD &
DRINK

TRADITIONAL
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TIME: 12-8pm
WHERE: Holyport Green
Holyport, SL6 2JL

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- ✓ Under 7s (All Stars) FRIDAY EVENING
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- ✓ Under 13s SATURDAY MORNING
- ✓ Under 15s WEDNESDAY EVENING
- ✓ Under 17s THURSDAY EVENING
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Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond

As part of the University's centenary celebrations, we are hosting a free public hybrid (in person and online) event on the evening of 6 May on the theme of **Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond**.

Join us for an evening that brings together autistic children and young people, their families, students, professionals and researchers to explore what supports autistic children to flourish in education and everyday life.

The event will include talks from:

- Professor Elizabeth McCrum, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education and Student Experience) at the University of Reading
- Dr Fiona Knott and Dr Jo Billington, Wellbeing Hub project leads
- Andy Smith, founder of Spectrum Gaming, and a passionate advocate for young people's voices in education.


For in person attendees, there will also be an opportunity to review a poster presentation of current autism research from academics and students in the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences. Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday 6 May
G10 lecture theatre, Palmer Building, Whiteknights Campus, RG6 6EW

In person:
18:45–21:00

Online:
19:00–20:30 via Microsoft Teams

For more details and to book your place, please visit our website research.reading.ac.uk/autism, or scan the QR code



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