

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Newsletter - Issue #79.5



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

### Our Ofsted Report

Thank you to those who have sent some lovely messages since our Ofsted report was shared earlier in the week. If you have not yet done so, please take time to read the report which recognises much of the fabulous work done at FPSS to support, educate and enrich the experiences of our young people.



We know from colleagues nationally - and from Ofsted themselves - that the bar has risen, and to be inspected in the first sixth months of that new regime when standards are being set is not the easiest place to be. We can therefore be delighted to have achieved this outcome.



[CLICK HERE TO READ OUR OFSTED REPORT](#)

[CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR VIDEO](#)

As ever, during the inspection our community came together to support our school. Our students were great representatives sharing their appreciation for the school and demonstrating our ACHIEVE values. Colleagues showed their expertise and skills in providing education and a wealth of opportunities for our young people. Moreover, our parents and carers were once again highly supportive and complimentary.

I would like to express my thanks to all of you for your contributions to the report, but more significantly to making FPSS the school it is each and every day.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

### NEXT WEEK - WEEK B

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 <span style="float: right;">3.15pm finish</span>
MON 25 - FRI 29 MAY	May Holidays
MON 1 JUNE	Start of Term 6 (Week A)
SUN 7 - WED 10 JUNE	Year 8 Wales Conservation trip
WED 17 JUNE	Year 11 Graduation
WED 17 - FRI 19 JUNE	Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition
THU 18 JUNE	Year 11 Prom
THU 18 - FRI 19 JUNE	Bronze DofE Qualifying Expedition
FRI 19 JUNE	INSET Day
THU 25 JUNE	Year 12 Taster Day (1)
FRI 26 JUNE	Year 12 Taster Day (2)
WED 1 - FRI 10 JULY	Year 10 Turtle Conservation Project, Greece
FRI 3 JULY	INSET Day

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

### Examinations

We are now into the main exam season for Year 11 and 13. Thank you to all those supporting students whether in school or at home. Our students have made an impressive start, and the challenge is to maintain the momentum. From experience we know students will feel differently after each examination. The key is to remember that they cannot do anything about what has happened and simply to focus upon the next one.

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## Trips and Visits

With the Ofsted Report released and examinations occurring it has been a busy week at FPSS. It is of great credit to colleagues that they are also continuing to enrich students' education through a range of trips and visits, as well as the regular clubs. I hope that those students visiting Epping Forest, the Tower of London and Wembley Stadium had great experiences this week.

Finally, good luck to those students on their practice Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions at the end of next week.

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



## YEAR 12 UCAS MEETING THURSDAY 4TH JUNE, 5PM



We recently launched the 2027 university application (UCAS) process with our Year 12 students.

We would like to invite any Year 12 parents and carers who would like to know more about the UCAS process to a presentation in school. The majority of the information will concern university and higher education but there will be information on apprenticeships and alternative routes to higher education.

The presentation will take place on Thursday June 4th, starting at 5pm in the school Theatre. In order to help us plan for the event, we would be grateful if parents/carers could complete the following form:

**PLEASE CONFIRM ATTENDANCE HERE**

For more details please see Parentmail.

Mr P Ging  
Assistant Headteacher  
Head of Sixth Form

Ms A Palocsai  
Assistant Head of Sixth  
Form (Year 12)



## SKI TRIP 2027 - La Thuile, Italy Saturday 27th March - Saturday 3rd April 2027



After the success of previous year's trips, we will again be travelling with Interski. For 2027 we are visiting La Thuile, Aosta Valley, Italy; full of 33 blue runs, 32 red runs and 15 black runs.

Students will receive ski tuition for 5 days, with a teacher supervised lunch hour. Instruction will be provided by the Interski BASI (British Association of Ski Instructors) qualified instructors.

The trip is open to all current Year 7-12 students who will still be at the school in April 2026. All who wish to come on the trip should pay a deposit of £150 (for skiers and snowboarders) via the payment area in Parentmail) by 12 noon on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

For more information please see Parentmail.

Mr J Wellard-Jeffs and Mr N Jones, Ski Tip Leaders

## GREECE TURTLE CONSERVATION TRIP 2026



### Wednesday 1st July - Friday 10th July

Details of the pre-trip meeting presentation have been sent to parents and carers via Parentmail. Next steps:

1. Follow medical link and complete
2. Students need to follow QR code to request accommodation
3. Encourage your child to complete the pre course online training.

Please contact david.randall@furzeplatt.net with any queries.



Wednesday 1st July -  
Friday 10th July



Details of the pre-trip meeting presentation have been sent out via Parentmail. Please ensure:

1. You have logged in and completed the Fooglebinder registration
2. You have followed the medical consent link and completed all the required information
3. Your child has followed the accommodation QR code and requested to share accommodation with two different students.

Please contact me at david.randall@furzeplatt.net with any queries.

Mr D Randall, Outdoor Education and Enrichment Leader



### MEET A GOVERNOR

This week we are delighted to introduce Abi Stead, Appointed Governor.



#### Abi Stead Appointed Governor

"I was honoured to be co-opted onto the Governing Board at Furze Platt Senior School in March 2025. Over the past 16 years, I have taught Drama in schools across Maidenhead and Slough and have held a variety of roles, including Head of Year and Head of Faculty. I am currently embracing a new challenge as an English teacher at Newlands Girls' School.

With a background in Performing Arts, I am excited to support Furze Platt's creative curriculum. I believe that access to the arts is vital for students and can have a profound impact on their confidence, wellbeing and future prospects. I am particularly looking forward to attending the school's productions and concerts.

Outside of work, I enjoy reading and have recently joined a book club, which is helping me broaden my own literary horizons. I also love travelling, making the most of my National Trust card with visits to beautiful places, and going on long walks. Keeping active at the gym is another favourite way to unwind.



I am passionate about education and have seen first-hand the life-changing opportunities that a high-quality education can provide for young people."

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE ABOUT OUR GOVERNORS](#)

## SCIENCE ALUMNI TALK



Join us for a special session with **Zoe Hopson**, a former FPSS student who's returning to share insights into her university biochemistry project and current employment as a laboratory technician.



**DATE:**  
MON 8 JUNE 2026

**TIME:**  
3:30 - 4:30PM

**LOCATION:**  
S5

#### Key talking points:

- Hear from a microbiology laboratory technician about testing pharmaceutical drug samples for contamination.
- Hear about studying biochemistry and science at university, including lectures, workshops, and time in laboratories.
- Hear about how to complete an undergraduate research project.
- Zoe's project was about finding out whether certain proteins in developing frog embryos attach to a special shape of DNA called an "i-motif."

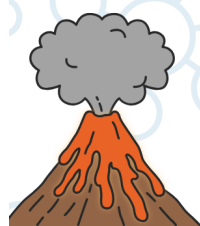
Open to all students in Years 10-13.



YEAR 10 STUDENTS WILL NEED A GUARDIAN TO SIGN UP IN ADVANCE ON EVOLVE (UNDER TERM 6 CLUBS - VIEW DROP IN CLUBS). NO SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS.



1. SEB SUTEHALL
2. OSCAR CARTY
3. SIMON LASMANIS
4. ABDUL BASIT AL SALAAM
5. SIMRAN VADHER
6. HIRUN FERNANDO
7. ZACHARIAH ZAMAN
8. LILY WHITFIELD
9. JACK TETLEY
10. GIDEON AU



## ICT AND COMPUTING



Raspberry Pi's Bebras Challenge is an annual international computer science competition for students, designed to promote computational thinking through fun interactive puzzles and codes.



Our Computer Science Department wishes to congratulate all the following students on their fantastic achievements:



**GOLD**

### Congratulations

You have completed

The Raspberry Pi Foundation 2026 Coding Challenge

awarded to:

<b>Mukundan Jayakumar</b>	<b>Liam Taylor</b>
<b>Yvan Wilson</b>	<b>Muhammad Abdullah</b>
<b>Joshua Ritchie</b>	<b>Abdulaleem Faisal</b>

### DISTINCTION

Finn	Abbott	Kai	Cunningham
Mikaeel	Ahsan	Chayce	Cunningham
Ethan	Amalrajan	Sophie	Dickinson
Ted	Atkins	Skye	Easten
Isaac	Baker	Nikisha	Fernandes
Duncan	Berry	Divith	Gaddam
Samuel	Boddy	Benjamin	Garrett
Ewan	Bredenkamp	Mohammad	Hasham
Luke	Brooker	Megan	Henwood
Emilia	Brooking	Luthara	Hettiarachchi
Chloe	Brown	Maryam	Hussain
Patrick	Burrows	Oliver	Huszar
Risith	Katpage	Dylan	Campbell
George	Longwill	Myron	Chernikov
Joshua	Ritchie	Elgin	Chervinko
Liam	Taylor	Mollie	Clarke
Yvan	Wilson	Gethin	Cox
Mathew	Chew	Joseph	Cox
Rishi	laiswal	Reuben	Cranch
Benjamin	Iuden	Jacob-George	Lonsdale-King

### MERIT

Thomas	Loveridge	Nathan	Alderson	Thomas	Hollins
Emil	Matula	Ben	Aslett-Clark	George	Hopkins
Raheel	Munir	Rosie	Bagshaw	Jimmy	Hurrey
Tiwayne	Muthumala	Tusharadrita	Barua	Alessandro	Innocenti
Tomasz	Pantaleao	Eddy	Bookman	Ava	Iones
Vivaan	Pathak	Finley	Boshoff	Zac	Iuden
Harvey	Patton	Ethan	Callaby	Jonathan	Kaonga
Celine	Portier	Thomas	Clarke-Tome	Alfie	Mappley
Chloe	Pursey	Abbie	Connell	Zarifuddin	Mohammed
Hasan	Qureshi	Millie	Cooke	Lok Hin	Joshua Ng
Harvey	Sadler	Gwyneth	Davison	Tawana	Nyerenyere
George	Salmon		Davletkhanov	Arihaan	Pandya
Tom	Shaw	Adelina		Harry	Perry
Mason	Squires	Luke	Dearnaley	Maxwell	Roberts
Lily	Tobin	Charlie	Dixon	Joshua	Rowles
Monty	Whitehead	Tomás	Donaldson	Vishnu	Siddanathi
Tolomey	Wood	Lucy	Eason	Charlie	Simantirakis
Salman	Zeb	Katie	Ellis	George	Smart-Elsom
Alexander	Abel	Alfie	Haggis	Michael	Stevens
Mohamme	d-Moosah	Furqaan	Hanif	Hélène	Sutcliffe
	Akhtar				

This is a wonderful example of our ACHIEVE values.

Awards: Gold – Scored in the Top 10% nationally  
Distinction- Top 25% Merit – Top 50%

Great work everyone!

Ms V James, Head of ICT and Computing



## SAMSUNG 'SOLVE FOR TOMORROW' COMPETITION

We are delighted to let you know that our students Amy and Alice were successful in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition. Our school also hosted Samsung for a workshop back in March and they brought a film crew with them.

We will share that film with parents and carers next week but in the meantime, well done Amy and Alice!



## ELEVATE EDUCATION

### FREE WEBINARS

Elevate is an award-winning organisation that has been working with our school to help your sons and daughters become more effective learners. Your child's ability to self-motivate, manage their time and prepare effectively will be a crucial factor to guarantee their success over this academic year.

Join Elevate for their webinar series where they will show parents how to best support your child.

A list of summer webinars can also be found at the bottom of this page.

Please click the link below to register.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE WEBINAR](#)

### Summer Term, 2026 Webinars \*

How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress   
June 9, 6:00-7:00pm (BST)

How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated   
June 23, 6:00-7:00pm (BST)

How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success   
July 7, 6:00-7:00pm (BST)



## YEAR 11 LEAVERS' EVENTS

**Graduation:**  
**Wednesday 17th**  
**June at 4.30pm**

**Year 11 Prom:**  
**Thursday 18th**  
**June**

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.

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 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.)

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK GRADUATION TICKETS](#)

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)**

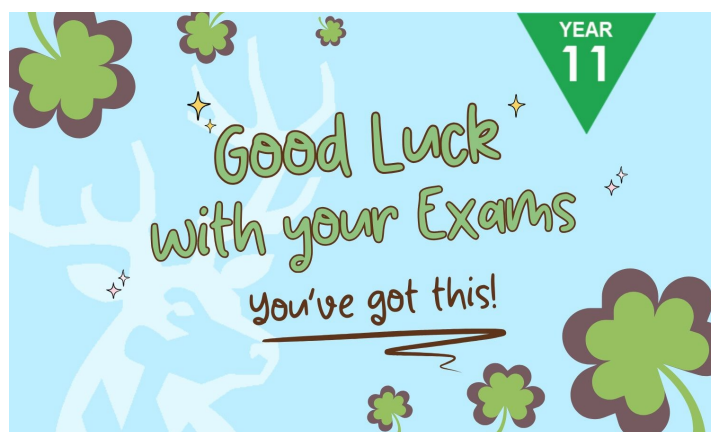
Students will attend their exams and the associated revision sessions. When they are not in an exam or a revision session they will have Home Study, where they will be expected to be working at home preparing for their next exam. Access to the library to study during phase 2 is possible for limited number 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](mailto:james.dollery@furzeplatt.net) and [nicolas.jones@furzeplatt.net](mailto: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 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.



## YEAR 10 PSHE: RSE

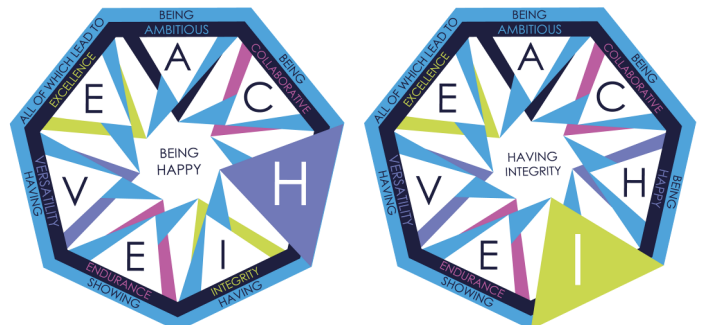
Over the next 7 weeks, starting after the May half term, Year 10 students will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) areas of the programme. RSE at Furze Platt will follow the Department for Education's statutory guidance that came into effect September 2020. RSE lessons in Year 10 will include teaching about: healthy and unhealthy relationships, including friendships and intimate relationships; keeping safe and consent; contraception options; keeping safe online, including online pornography; and STIs. Students will have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world.

The purpose of inclusive RSE at FPSS is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on love and respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships in later life. The unit will equip students with the knowledge and skills to make informed and healthy choices; to build their confidence and skills to deal with situations they may encounter; to help them to stay safe and know where and how to ask for help if needed.

Students will also have the opportunity to have a session run by the youth team from DASH (Domestic Abuse Stops Here), who support families in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. The team will explore what makes healthy relationships, informed consent and where to receive support should it be required.

For more details please see Parentmail.

Miss L Stirling, Head of PSHE



## CAN YOU HELP?

Are you a small business owner and would like to come and talk to our Sixth Form students about your experience of launching your business?



If so, you are invited into our school week beginning 29th June to help our students with a project they will be working on as part of their work experience week.

If you are interested, please email us via one of the links below. We look forward to hearing from you!

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO EMAIL CLAIRE BEALE](#)

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO EMAIL AMY PALOCSAI](#)



WEEKLY  
HOUSE  
POINTS



5963



6191



5633



5431

HOUSE WINNERS THIS WEEK



Back to our Falcons as this week's winners!

Well done to you all, your hard work is not going unnoticed - keep it up.



Great energy from students engaged in our House Blooket Challenge this week!



Blooket

WHAT DID OFSTED SAY ABOUT US?

Pupils are encouraged to participate in the many opportunities available to them.

Ofsted, March 2024



BIG NEWS!

VARUN GROVER LIVE



Following last year's sold-out stand-up comedy event featuring Amit Tandon, we're thrilled to welcome another incredible act to Furze Platt Theatre...

As part of his current world tour, **VARUN GROVER** brings his brand-new stand-up special:

'Love, Death and Ketchup'

Furze Platt Theatre  
Saturday 6th June

Expect fresh material, sharp observations, and Varun's brilliantly witty take on everything from his fear of death to the possibility of the world running out of ketchup!

Don't miss what promises to be another fantastic night of Hindi stand-up comedy - tickets are expected to go fast.

Book now to avoid disappointment:

BOOK TICKETS FOR 'LOVE DEATH AND KETCHUP' HERE



## WHAT DID OFSTED SAY ABOUT US?

Pupils are able to participate in a range of clubs and activities before, during and after school so that all pupils have access to enrichment opportunities regardless of their individual circumstances.

Ofsted, March 2026



## SCHOOL CLUBS - TERM 6

Parents and carers will receive emails next Friday to book clubs for next 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](mailto: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

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



MOVE BETTER,  
LIVE BETTER

Small Steps, Big Impact

## 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](#)

## 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.



## KINSHIP CARE AND ADOPTION



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

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

Kinship

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

Adoption and Special Guardianship support fund

[CLICK HERE FOR SUPPORT FUND](#)

Adoption South East

[CLICK HERE FOR ADOPTION SOUTHEAST](#)

PACT Charity

[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](mailto:Laura.lewis@furzeplatt.net)

## PTFA 200 CLUB WINNERS



Many congratulations to the latest lucky winners of our 200 Club, who have each won a substantial cash prize as well as supporting our school!

Thank you to our another successful meeting this week, including funding more fantastic student opportunities.

For example, our PTFA kindly donated funds for competition entry and kit so our Year 9/10 Mixed Rugby could enter the Schools' Touch Rugby Championships. Following an outstanding performance, our students - the only ones from a state school in attendance - have been invited to attend the national tournament to represent the SE!

Join the 200 Club (and support our school) here:

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE ON OUR 200 CLUB](#)



## 200 CLUB

**Winning numbers for Draw 32  
on Monday 11th May 2026**





# Open Evening 2026

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 6-8pm

All welcome, no booking required.



## Open Morning School Tours

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

- ▶ Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 9.05-10.10 am
- ▶ Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 9.05-10.10 am

There will be a small number of SEND tours running on these dates also. Please specify preference upon booking.



“ This is a welcoming and highly inclusive school. ”

Ofsted, March 2026

office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com



**Pupils know that they are well cared for and that they are safe in school.**

- Ofsted, March 2026



## **Furze Platt Senior School offers:**

**Teachers know their subjects well. They explain content in a clear and engaging manner.**

- Ofsted, March 2026

- ▶ An inclusive education which is broad, stimulating and rewarding for all.
- ▶ Superb academic, sporting and arts facilities which create an aspirational learning environment for students.
- ▶ Our Tutor Groups to give students identity and belonging and includes dedicated staff, mentors and leaders who will support and help with students' development.
- ▶ Our Houses to encourage friendly competition and a sense of community.



### **How to find us:**

Furze Platt Senior School,  
Furze Platt Road,  
Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7NQ

**LEISURE FOCUS**

# GYM ONLY

## STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Available 1<sup>st</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026

**£50** SINGLE SITE ONLY  
FOR 6 WEEKS  
Furze Platt Leisure Centre



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18+



### Saturday Wildlife Clubs – monthly

Cherry Garden Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 3LJ

Be a Wildlife Warrior and learn how to look after nature. A monthly wildlife club for children/ young people.

- Learn about wildlife - animals and plants
- Learn how to increase and protect wildlife
- Develop scientific knowledge and bush craft skills as you build up experience. Make new "Team Wilder" friends

8 -11 yrs – 10.00am –12.00pm - Young Rangers

11-17 yrs 1.00pm – 3.00pm – Teen Rangers

£8.00 per session

9 May

13 June

18 July

Visit our website to book or for more info:

- [bbowt.org.uk/events](http://bbowt.org.uk/events)
- Email- [berkshireeducation@bbowt.org.uk](mailto:berkshireeducation@bbowt.org.uk)

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More nature everywhere

Slough SEND PARENT CARER FORUM

EVERY VOICE MATTERS

# Slough SEND PARENT CARER FORUM

## Coffee Morning



Join us for a friendly, informal coffee morning to connect, share experiences and support each other.

Your voice matters

Together we are stronger

**DATE:** 21st May 2026

**VENUE:** Best Start Family Hub Penn Wood SL2 1PG

**TIME:** 11-12:30pm

All parents and carers of children and young people with SEND are welcome!

ENGLAND GOLF

# GIRLS GOLF ROCKS

Girls Golf Rocks encourages beginner girls aged 5-18 to learn and play golf in a fun and friendly way.

LEARN TO PLAY GOLF IN A WAY THAT ROCKS

- £60 for six hours activity
- No equipment required
- No experience necessary

**May Half Term**

- Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May 10:30-11:30am
- Sunday 31st May 2-4pm

**Summer Holidays**

- Tuesday 21st to Thursday 24th July 10:30- 11:30am
- Sunday 26th July 2-4pm

Email: [ronnie@ronnieboltongolf.co.uk](mailto:ronnie@ronnieboltongolf.co.uk) or [golf@bbgc.co.uk](mailto:golf@bbgc.co.uk) for more information

**BOOK NOW**

[englandgolf.org/rocks-and-rookies](http://englandgolf.org/rocks-and-rookies)



# HOLYPORT VILLAGE FAIR



**FUNFAIR RIDES**  
**FOOD & DRINK**

**SATURDAY 6th June**

**TRADITIONAL GAMES & STALLS**  
**LIVE MUSIC**

**TIME: 12-8pm**  
**WHERE: Holyport Green Holyport, SL6 2JL**  
Holyport Community Trust Charity No. 1179097



**5th June 2026**  
**MORE PACE REQUIRED**  
In aid of **Thames hospice**

📍 Finance House, 5 Bath Rd, Maidenhead, SL6 4AQ

**24-HOUR EXERCISE CHALLENGE**  
Back for another year, the Mortgage Required and Insurance Room teams will be taking on a 24-hour continuous exercise challenge to raise funds and awareness for Thames Hospice. The machines will be in constant use for the full duration!

**SUPPORT US**  
Show your support by popping by to cheer on the team, or visit our JustGiving page.  
[justgiving.com/page/more-pace-required-2026](https://www.justgiving.com/page/more-pace-required-2026)



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**3-4 July**

**13th. Maidenhead Beer and Cider Festival 2026**

Proud to support

**Thames hospice**

The Sports Bar at Summerleaze Park  
off Summerleaze Road, Maidenhead SL6 8SP  
Open: Friday & Saturday Noon to 10pm  
General Admission: £3 in advance. £5 on door.  
CAMRA MEMBERS - FREE ENTRANCE.  
All FREE after 7pm Friday & 5pm Saturday.

[www.mbcf.camra.org.uk](http://www.mbcf.camra.org.uk)

**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](mailto:info@theblendchoir.co.uk)  
Bar & Raffle



**JUNIOR CRICKET**  
AT PINKNEYS GREEN CC

**PINKNEYS GREEN CC**

- ✓ Under 7s (All Stars) FRIDAY EVENING
- ✓ Under 9s & Under 11s FRIDAY EVENING
- ✓ Under 13s SATURDAY MORNING
- ✓ Under 15s WEDNESDAY EVENING
- ✓ Under 17s THURSDAY EVENING
- ✓ Cricket Coaching for boys and girls from ages 5+ matches from ages 7+. All abilities welcome
- ✓ Pinkneys Green CC operates an inclusive selection policy at junior levels ensuring everyone gets the opportunity to contribute and enjoy cricket.

Interested? – secretary@pinkneysgreencc.com  
Pinkneys Green CC • Pinkneys Dr, Maidenhead SL6 6QD

# U12-U13/Year 7 Touch Rugby at Maidenhead RFC



Fill in form below to register interest

- No membership required
- Free of charge
- All Welcome
- Sun 10/5 - Sun 30/8 @10am & Tues 12/5 - Tues 25/8 @6pm



Maidenhead RFC  
Braywick Park  
Braywick Road  
Maidenhead Berkshire  
SL6 1BN

The season might be over but the practice doesn't stop



**June 2026 Taplow United Youth Open Trial Days**

Are you looking to join a football team for the 2026/27 season?  
We would like to meet you...  
Come join us for training

Select your age group and register now at [www.taplow-utd.co.uk](http://www.taplow-utd.co.uk)  
Or scan the QR code below

Taplow United FC, Berry Hill, Taplow, SL6 0DA

**Tuesday 2nd June - 18:15 - 19:30**  
Girls U8 & U9

**Wednesday 3rd June - 18:15 - 19:30**  
Boys U7, U8, U9, U10

**Thursday 4th June - 18:15 - 19:30**  
U11, U12, U13, U14, U15

**Saturday 6th June - 09:30 - 10:45**  
Boys U7's, U8's, U9's, U10's  
11:15 - 12:30  
Boys U11's, U12's, U13's, U14's, U15's

**Saturday 13th June - 09:30 - 10:30**  
Girls U8 & U9

Coaches - Football cannot happen without you. We are always on the lookout for more coaches. Please get in touch to find out more.

ETON EXCELSIOR ROWING CLUB  
WINDSOR BOAT CLUB

The rowing club for Windsor Girls' School and girls & boys at Comprehensive and Independent schools in Windsor and surrounding areas

# YEAR 7+ ROWING

Beginners & Experienced

Mondays  
16:30 - 18:30  
1 June\* to 20 July  
8 sessions

**£175**



Girls & Boys  
Year 7+ (aged 11 and above)  
Confident swimmers

ERIC Clubhouse  
14 Maidenhead Road  
Windsor SL4 5TY

TEAM WORK DISCIPLINE FOCUS STRENGTH & FITNESS FUN!

boats@etonexcelsiorrowingclub.org  
[www.etonexcelsiorrowingclub.org/juniors](http://www.etonexcelsiorrowingclub.org/juniors)

\* If not completed already with us, a mandatory capsiz drill & 50m swim test in the river will take place on 1 June. This must be passed in order to be allowed out on-water.

<http://tinyurl.com/EERCYear7-8>