

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

### Water Safety – Please share with your children

Normally I start the last Newsletter of the year reflecting on the past 12 months. This week, I am starting with water safety and hopefully, if nothing else, it will be this section that is shared and remembered.



Heartbreakingly, this week saw the death of another young person, Sean, who got into difficulty at Bray Lake. Following the tragic death of our FPSS student Jordan in the Thames a year ago and the recent death of Ruben in the Jubilee River, we are once again starkly reminded of the importance of water safety.

All our students have had water safety messages shared with them, more recently prior to half term and again by me in the end of year assembly. However, please can all parents and carers reiterate them to avoid any more tragic loss of life during the summer break.

The following RNLI video reminds us all of what to do should we fall in or experience cold water shock:

[FLOAT TO LIVE VIDEO](#)

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service offer further advice here:

[RBFRS WATER SAFETY VIDEO](#)

Thank you.

### 2021/22 Academic Year

This year has been marked with a return to a more normal FPSS following two years of Covid disruption.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Important Dates Next Term

(All dates and events may be subject to change)

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

<b>THU 18</b> AUGUST	A Level/AS Level Results Day (Theatre)	8.00am - 11am
<b>THU 25</b> AUGUST	GCSE Results Day (Theatre)	8.00am - 11am
<b>THU 1</b> SEPTEMBER	<b>INSET Day - WEEK 1</b>	
<b>FRI 2</b> SEPTEMBER	Year 7 Induction Day (for Year 7 only)	8.40am start
	Year 12 Induction Day (for Year 12 only)	8.40 am start
<b>MON 5</b> SEPTEMBER	Start of Term 1 - Years 8-11 & 13 (Week 1)	8.40am - 3.15pm
<b>TUE 6</b> SEPTEMBER	Year 12 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
	Year 13 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm
<b>THU 8</b> SEPTEMBER	Years 7, 10 & 12 School Photos DofE Parents Pre-Expedition Information Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
<b>TUE 13</b> SEPTEMBER	Year 11 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
<b>WED 14</b> SEPTEMBER	Year 10 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
<b>THU 15</b> SEPTEMBER	Year 7 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
<b>TUE 20</b> SEPTEMBER	Year 8 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
<b>WED 21</b> SEPTEMBER	Year 9 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
<b>THU 22</b> SEPTEMBER	Celebration Evening	6pm - 9pm
<b>THU 6</b> OCTOBER	Whole School Open Evening (Early finish to school day 12.30pm)	6pm - 9pm
<b>FRI 7</b> OCTOBER	<b>INSET Day</b>	All Day

[SCHOOL TERM DATES](#)

[SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

Returning to regular routines has been challenging for some, but I am absolutely delighted with the way most students and staff have responded. Their passion, energy and enthusiasm has been very much to the fore. At the start of the year, I encouraged all students to get involved in enrichment activities and the vast majority have involved themselves in visits, activities,

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performances, clubs, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and much more. This has enabled our community to rebuild strong relationships and reminds us that school is about more than just lessons, but the range of experiences we can offer.

I have also been pleased with how students have returned to learning, particularly the focus of the older year groups as they approached their examinations. I wish them all the best for their results days (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August KS5 and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August KS4).

As ever, what will stay longer in the memory are some of those stand out moments of the year. For me, these include seeing Matilda performed in our Theatre, students celebrating at the Year 11 and 13 Proms, the cricket games that have sprung up on our field each lunchtime, our wildflower meadow, sixth formers organising fundraisers for the school, the excitement of younger students on Sports Days and enrichment afternoons. Each of these memories remind us of what we, as a FPSS community, are all about.

### Goodbyes

As ever, the end of the academic year sadly means we need to say goodbye to some staff. Following the Covid period, there is greater movement than the last two years. I sure that all of you will join with me in saying thank you to our departing staff including Megan White (Cover Supervisor), Mary Bowen (Medical), Mo Barrett (Cleaning Supervisor), Lib Wright and Karen Martin (English), Ezzy Goddard and Jo Bennett (Science), Rhiannon Bailey (Music), Shilpa Pandey, Patrick Winterbottom and Paul Harris (Maths), Lia Weger and Chris Burrows (History), Sharan Webb (Exams), Raph Roujansky (MFL), Kat Gajewska (PSHE), Emily Satterthwaite (Drama).

After 16 years at FPSS we also thank Katie Tomlin (PE) and Andy Morbey (Assistant Headteacher), as well as Bernie Aspinall (LSA) and Bill Goswell (Art) who have served our community for 21 and 22 years respectfully. Their commitment to our community is much appreciated.

We wish all departing staff the best for their futures.

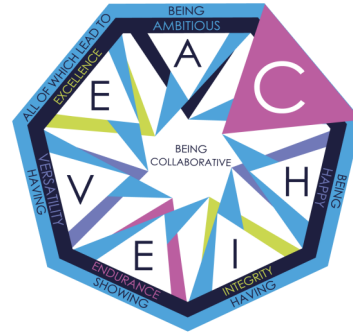
### Thank You and Have a Lovely Summer

Finally, I would like to thank all our staff and students for their efforts in 2021/22 and wish you all a fantastic summer break. You can see this term's nominations from page 9 onwards.

Stay safe but have fun!

Take care,

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



### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS



Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone involved in helping with the Concert last week. In particular I do need to single out Maidenhead Concert Band for giving their time so generously to help raise over £1340 for the School and for giving our students the opportunity to sit and play music alongside them. We also need to recognise our fabulous and talented students who sat in the band and played four pieces of music and then several of them performed solos or duets later in the concert. It is not easy to join in with a 50 strong band of musicians whom you don't know and perform in front of a live Theatre audience, well done to all of you for acquitting yourselves so well and to Rhiannon Bailey for facilitating this.

Also due thanks for the part they played are; Lorraine Hughes and our PTFA, our theatre manager Marissa Holden, Lynne Moore, Peter Ging, the student raffle helpers and of course the site team.

In terms of the governance of the school I have mentioned a couple of items below and there will be more detailed information available in the 'Annual Summary to Parents' on the School website (in the next week or two).

As many of you are aware the school is introducing 'Laptops for Learning' for Years 7 and 10 in the new academic year. The take up has been excellent and governors are particularly keen to see these in action and understand how the benefits of using these devices help students; learning, engagement and attainment levels.

Student Welfare post-covid has been the focus of much attention, further investment in terms of the Pastoral support available to Students and now a restructure of the House system are designed to help and support our

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students even more.

Staff Welfare should never be taken for granted and surveys have recently been undertaken to establish areas for improvement and these results will be carefully considered in the new academic year to see what help can be provided.

The School has fitted some New Solar panels which will help reduce our ongoing costs and carbon footprint, a vital cog in our environmental improvements.

Our Resources committee have been involved in approving several future planned improvements and the expenditure that goes with them to make the site even better for our students in the coming years.

At the start of the new Academic year I will be handing over the Chair of Governors role to Hugh Steed and then standing down as a governor at the end of my term of office later in September.

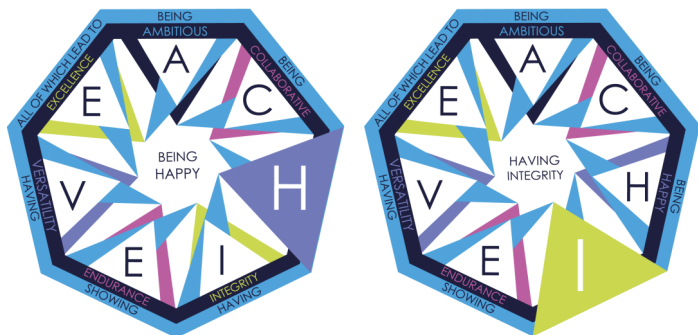
In the 18 years since joining the governing body in 2004 I have been privileged to work with; many governors, two heads, those in school leadership roles and many other staff. A lot has changed and been achieved in this time; the switch to Academy status, expansion of the school, new Maths and English blocks, drama and recording studios, leisure centre, astro pitches, canteen facilities and a fabulous theatre are just some of the projects that immediately spring to mind.

None of this would have happened without the teamwork and hard work and commitment of all involved and I would like to thank my fellow governors and the school senior leadership team for everything they have done and continue to do on the Schools behalf.

I know that Hugh Steed as Chair and Katie Donnison as Vice Chair will continue to drive the agenda for improvement forward and in the new academic year will be looking to further strengthen our governing body. If you would like to get involved and become a governor do get in touch with the school and see what you can do to help shape the future.

Have a great Summer and good Luck to all those in Years 11 and 13 for their Results days in August with every best wish from Governors for the future.

Gavin Tisshaw



## YEAR 12 REPORTS



The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com) and selecting Parents.

### REPORTS PAGE

Please see here for our Guidance to Grading document

### GUIDANCE ON GRADING

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

## REPORTING ABSENCE



From September 2022, the only way to report an Absence for your child is via ClassCharts. If accessing on a phone, please scroll along the line at the top with an orange dot at the end (marked 'behaviour', 'on report cards' and 'homework') near the top of the screen and you will see additional options further along including 'report absence'.

A letter from Mr Sheppard with information and your login details were sent via Parentmail on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

If you require your login details to be resent, please email [jacky.phillips@furzeplatt.net](mailto:jacky.phillips@furzeplatt.net)

Thank you.



## GCSE SUMMERPOD

After last year's success, we are back with a bigger and better SummerPod!

This is a fun programme to help students prepare and get ahead next academic year.

It's here  
**SUMMERPOD**



### Student Webinars

Current Year 9 and 10's are invited to join our exclusive student webinars, hosted by our very own Merlin Mee. Merlin, Learning Content Creator at GCSEPod, is our student webinar guru.

#### Moving from Year 9 into Year 10

August 1<sup>st</sup> @5pm

Students are encouraged to rocket their way into Year 10 by exploring personal goals and cultivating healthy habits that will benefit them on their journey throughout Key Stage 4.

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

#### Moving from Year 10 into Year 11

August 8th @5pm

Students can 'lift-off' into Year 11 with tips on prioritizing their wellbeing and enhancing the space around them.

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

### Parent Webinars

Parents are invited to attend two exclusive webinars this summer, hosted by Future Toolbox's Mark & Jules.

## How to Create a Growth Mindset When Studying

The multi-award-winning Future Toolbox are joining GCSEPod in a two-part webinar and will be sharing some simple tools and tips to help to encourage students to enjoy their learning journey.

By creating a growth mindset around study and understanding that learning is about the journey and not the final exam, this will help students to find purpose at school or college. Positive study habits lead to positive habits in the future and a more rounded individual.

Parent webinars will run on 3rd August @ 5pm and 10th August @ 5pm.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER \(3<sup>RD</sup> AUG\) WEBINAR](#)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER \(10<sup>TH</sup> AUG\) WEBINAR](#)

**FRENCH**

**Linguists of the Fortnight**

KS3	KS4
Hudson Gainor	Jessica Hulme
Oscar Menzies	Alice Parsons
Tori Patton	Jake Wilson
Sophie Lloyd	George Overall
George Kinder	Lizzy Dilley
Ibraheem Baig	Dominic Evans
Bianca Popa	Akash Rudrapatna
Muhammad Ali	Chloe Wright
Patrick Nechita	Cian Petit-Horridge
Daniyah Ahmed	James Wilkinson
Oliver Sell	
Sophia Louw	
Ozan Yuksel	
Molly Brook	

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## GERMAN

### Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3	
Sophia Fletcher	Renee Dias
Mavrick Yu	Sara Nazir
Riyan Hoque	Jamie Metcalfe
Patryk Romasz	Hugo Fleck-McGrath
Sam Jones	Kacper Wrobel
Oliver Murray	
Oliver Sell	KS4
Lara Holuss	Clarissa Brewer
Fabien Mormech	Raahi Singh
Jack Coomes-Clarke	Camelia Ionel
Summer Matthews	Rene Hawthorn
Will Couling	Michal Tytko



## SPANISH

### Linguists of the Fortnight

Adriano Cilia	Sophia Carter
Zainab Yusuf	Danielle Beckley
Howard Wong	Poppy Jones
Zuzanna	
Piankowska	KS4
Zach Evans	Holly Bray
Zainab Yusuf	Bibora Fekete
Balpreet Kaur	Oliver Mitchell
Rosita Papoff	Amadou Diame
Sami El Midaoui	Luka Wilson
Bastien Correia	



## SPANISH

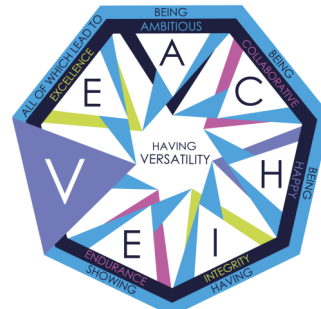
### Linguists of the Fortnight

KS3	
Eisa Ali	Elizabeth Madden
Kave Rafique	Alfie Jackson-Coomes
Sian McCallion	Barney Harris
Ethan Burt	Simran Vadher
Louis Palmer	Farhaan Akhtar
Harry Bull	Tbitha Gie
Joseph Lissi	Lexie Woodward
	Monty Lyall



#### TERM 1 CLUBS (SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2022)

Bookings for Term 1 will be sent out on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Clubs will start the following week and we encourage students to attend as many as they are interested in. Bookings should be made via the EVOLVE email link as usual or by using your My EVOLVE account.



## HOUSE KEYHOLE CHALLENGE



Please find below the final placings for the through the Keyhole Challenge from Term 6. Thank you all for taking part and a special well done to Bray House!

House	Total Score	Position
Bray	6310	1st
Marlow	5580	2nd
Windsor	5560	3rd
Dorney	5150	4th
Cookham	5110	5th
Henley	4830	6th
Bisham	4350	7th
Eton	4190	8th

## DRAMA YEAR 7-10 ENRICHMENT



Students could choose from a wide range of enrichment activities to try something new over the last two weeks. Our Performing Arts department laid on sessions for students to learn to apply prosthetic makeup for the stage, including bruises, cuts and burns.



## YEAR 5 FPJS VISIT FPSS FOOD AND NUTRITION



YEAR 5



For the first time since the pandemic, our Food and Nutrition Department were delighted to welcome ninety Year 5 students from Furze Platt Junior School for a day of bread making. A great time was had by all! Some of the comments from pupils include:

"When I tasted my bread it tasted really good and the smell was amazing."

"It was really hard not to eat them straight away."

"I made the recipe again when I got home with my mum



and really enjoyed it."

"When it came out of the oven it smelt amazing and was super soft."

"I really enjoyed picking my flavours although kneading the dough ached my arms!"



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"It was a highlight of my year going up and getting to cook in a senior school kitchen!"

"We liked the kitchens and they had a lot more utilities than our school which was fun."

Special thank you to Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Hirst and Mrs Robbins for leading and organising this event.

## FURZE PLATT STUDENT IS A GARDENING ENTREPRENEUR



Well done to Finn Wright, Year 9, who has set up his own very successful garden care business. Finn has been watering people's gardens and plants over the last few months and this has become a huge success!

Since the beginning of June he has been out numerous times a day to support his neighbours

and has now branched out to feeding customers' small animals such as tortoises and rabbits, ensuring they are fed, watered and safe in the heat.

He will be making a donation to a charity of his choice with some of the money he has earned.

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

Ofsted 2021

## FURZE PLATT PE TEACHER COMPETING IN COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Best of luck to our own Miss Cochrane playing in the Commonwealth Games this summer, representing Scotland as GK hockey!



## FUNKIN' SOULED OUT

Back to School with Funkin' Souled Out, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Come and celebrate after the long summer break on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at a school fundraising gig at Furze Platt Theatre. Local band Funkin' Souled Out will be performing mix of funk and disco – including everything from James Brown to Donna Summer, Rose Royce to Diana Ross, The Jackson 5 to Jamiroquai, and lots more. There will be a bar onsite, so people can dance, have a drink and enjoy this eight piece band. They will be supported by another local group, Watershed, and tickets are just £12.50 each, so book your tickets here:

[BUY TICKETS HERE](#)



Fundraising event for the school



Scan QR code to book tickets

**Funkin' Souled Out**  
Supported by Watershed

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
7:30pm - 11:00pm  
(Bar and doors open at 7:00pm)

**Tickets £12.50**

Furze Platt Theatre,  
Furze Platt Senior School,  
SL6 7NQ

**"LIVE MUSIC"**



[www.funkinsouledout.co.uk](http://www.funkinsouledout.co.uk)



## THE SUN'S OUT AND SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US!

A full round up of our events and activities will be distributed in September. In the meantime, just a couple of things to mention...

We will still be present on Email and Facebook over the summer break, so please get in touch if you require any information:

[ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) [facebook.com/fpssptfa](https://facebook.com/fpssptfa)

### FUNDS RAISED –

Approximately £23,000 has been raised this academic year since September 2021. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We couldn't have done this without YOU!

### COMMITTEE OFFICERS – from September 2022 to August 2023:

Chair: Lorraine Hughes

Treasurer: Neil Wilson

Secretary: Katrina Sell

200 Club Admin: vacant

**DON'T FORGET TO KEEP ON SMILING WITH  
AMAZON AND KEEP UP EASYFUNDRAISING  
THROUGH THESE LINKS**

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/287878-0>

[smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

<https://bit.ly/393NF8R+>



The final event of the year was a 200 Club draw at the recent School Fundraiser.

### 200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw (No.20)

on THURS 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY



We would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing PTFA team for all their hard work this year. They have raised thousands of pounds which has been used to enrich our students' lives here at Furze Platt. We are very grateful to them all and wish them a wonderful summer.

THANK YOU!

We appreciate your feedback and welcome comments and ideas by phone call 01628 625308, by email [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net) and through our Facebook Page [facebook.com/fpssptfa](https://facebook.com/fpssptfa)



## BRAY HOUSE ARE OUR END OF TERM WINNERS

A special mention to all of the students nominated below by their respective Heads of Houses. These students have been put forward for their positive attitudes and helpful behaviour, and contribute to a wide range of school activities.



32,720 HP	39,840 HP	38,320 HP	37,020 HP
Abigail Downes & Terry Creffield	Clarissa Brewer & Jayden Taylor	Lois Sellman & Jake Borrett	Sophie McLachlan & George Overall

34,810 HP	34,460 HP	36,610 HP	34,730 HP
Freya Stevenson & Frayne Pinho	Riyan Hoque & James Wilkinson	Oliwia Drozdowska & Finlay Briggs	Durusah Gulmez & Ethan Heywood

## SUBJECT NOMINATIONS

### Art & Design Nominations

Year 7: Sara Deshpande & Orson Collins  
Year 8: Sophia Fernandes & Dustin Stacy  
Year 9: Charlotte Soden & Adrian Aboul-Hosn  
Year 10: Anabel Zagacki & Harley Higgins  
Year 12: Anna Swift

### Photography Nomination

Year 10: Nesly Anuat & Ben Hearsey  
Year 12: Kate Lindley

### Drama Nominations

Year 7: Sanaa Naseer & Harry Holdway  
Year 8: Nicole Mizikova & Zach Evans  
Year 9: Abigail Leech-Baldwin & Manuel Mizik

## Drama Nominations cont.

Year 10: Sadie Huddleston & Nicolai Harrit  
Year 12: Patrick Kelly

## Physical Education Nominations

Year 7: Nelly Bartkowiak & Alfie Everson-Plant  
Year 8: Jigeesha Mamidala & William Hancock  
Year 9: Holly Cannon & Junaid Shabir  
Year 10: Caitlin Bennett & Isaac Cozens  
Year 12: Frank McGrath

## Sports Studies Nomination

Year 12: Isaak Palmer

## History Nominations

Year 7: Nela Siedacz & Oscar Menzies  
Year 8: Bianca Popa & Zachary Abraham  
Year 9: Henna Hussain & Alexander Moran-Thieme  
Year 10: Paige Brook & Harry Fitzgerald

## History/Government & Politics Nomination

Year 12: Tia Groom

## Geography Nominations

Year 7: Elisabeth Madden & Denis Senyurek  
Year 8: Lexie Woodward & Andrew Lee  
Year 9: Elenia Reina & Alex Callaby  
Year 10: Amelia Russell & Nathan Macey  
Year 12: Zak Wardle

## Music Nominations

Year 7: Amy-Jayne Macey & Olly Makin  
Year 8: Summer Matthews & Mitchell Holmes  
Year 9: Annabelle Stratford & Samuel Cranch  
Year 10: Sophie Wong & Finley Giles  
Year 12: Tom Cannon

## Effort in Learning Nominations

Year 7: Barbara Carmona Esquivel & Eryk Senkowski  
Year 8: Scarlett R Stevens & Harvey Malone  
Year 9: Emily Treacy & Jayden Shaw-Griffiths  
Year 10: Athena Silk & Austin Ka

## Maths Nominations

Year 7: Abigail Downes & Sparsh Bodade  
Year 8: Zainab Yusuf & Gordon Yiu  
Year 9: Poppy Jones & Matej Sutton

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### Maths Nominations Cont.

Year 10: Beatriz Bartarin & Musa Ali  
Year 12: Jacob Gould



### Business Nominations

Year 10: Elisa Gjergo & Jack Britton  
Year 12: Grace Comer



### Technology and Food & Nutrition Nominations

Year 7: Lili Waterman & Juan Picado  
Year 8: Zoe Green & David Bechianu  
Year 9: Freya Stevenson & Bastien Correia  
Year 10: Lucia Capper & Mason McArthur  
Year 12: Lillia Bowsher  
Year 10: Rosie McCarthy & Jamie Wilson  
Year 10: Natasha Harris



### Economics Nomination

Year 12: Ben Wilson



### PSHE Nominations

Year 7: Oliwia Drozdowska & Cayde De Silva  
Year 8: Alive Setlhoke & James Kinrade  
Year 9: Sophie Rayner & Thomas Bowater  
Year 10: Connie Howe & Ethan Osbourn



### Product Design Nomination

Year 12: Luisa Matton



### English Nominations

Year 7: Anya Choudri & Alexander Fennell  
Year 8: Illango Fekete & Noah Nutbrown  
Year 9: Phoebe Matthews & Pacey Thandi  
Year 10: Bella Hunt & Nathan Hedges  
Year 12: Kensa Horner



### ICT Nominations

Year 9: Rose Kemp & Jack Tayler  
Year 10: Hazel Bidmead & Reece Ovens  
Year 12: Aaden Warburton



### Media Nomination

Year 12: Zuzanna Sroda



### Computing Nomination

Year 7: Nina Hawkins & James Maher  
Year 8: Danielle Cox & Raphael Kitt-Martinez  
Year 10: Bibora Fekete & George Stiles  
Year 12: Felix Earl



### Construction Nomination

Year 10: Jake Coomes



### Languages Nominations

Year 7: Eleanor Copping & Leo Russell  
Year 8: Lara Holuss & Fabien Mormech  
Year 9: Sara Nazir & Finn J Wright  
Year 10: Clarissa Brewer & Oliver Powell



### Travel & Tourism Nomination

Year 10: Iris Lakovic



### Philosophy & Religion/Ethics Nominations

Year 7: Alissia Thomas & Louis Palmer  
Year 8: Niamh Brennan & Fahd Rashid  
Year 9: Emma Bunn & Jamie Metcalfe  
Year 10: Tori Appleton & Oliver Eason  
Year 12: Matilda Annereau



### Duke of Edinburgh Nominations

Year 9: Aamina Ashraf & Connor Tayler  
Year 10: Harrison Barry



### Raising Achievement: Determination & Resilience Award Nominations

Year 10: Kya Davis & Oliver Bond



### Psychology Nomination

Year 12: Tyler Ayre



### Science Nominations

Year 7: Jaydee Mitchell & Alfie Wetherall  
Year 8: Megan Dewbury & Parv Saroha  
Year 9: Sophie McLachlan & James Wilkinson  
Year 10: Fatima Habbouli & George Terry



### Criminology Nomination

Year 12: Tilly Cochrane



### Biology Nomination

Year 12: Anya Clayton



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## Human Biology Nomination

Year 12: Hannah Britton

## Chemistry Nomination

Year 12: Katie Pettigrew

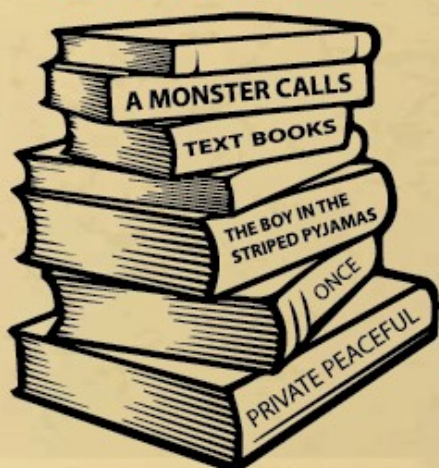
## Physics Nomination

Year 12: Amy Winhammar



# ★ MISSING ★

## LIBRARY BOOKS & TEXT BOOKS!



## HAVE YOU SEEN ANY FPSS BOOKS LYING AROUND THE HOUSE?

PARENT SEARCHER REQUIRED TO SEARCH BOOK SHELVES, UNDER BEDS AND BEDROOM FLOORS FOR LOST SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS.

## AMNESTY FOR ALL THOSE RETURNED!



## SUPPORT JOB VACANCIES



## COME AND WORK WITH US - CHECK OUT OUR CURRENT VACANCIES TODAY!

### Learning Mentor - Fixed Term Contract

Vacancy for Learning Mentor - fixed term contract for one year to start September 2022

[Read Full Story](#)

### Learning Support Assistant - Literacy Specialist (Fixed Term)

Vacancy for an LSA Literacy Specialist - Fixed Term Contract for one year to start September 2022

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### Assistant Exams Officer to start 1st September 2022

Vacancy for Assistant Exams Officer to start 1st September 2022

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### Pastoral Manager

Vacancy for Pastoral Manager

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### Cleaning Supervisor

Vacancy for a Cleaning Supervisor to start September 2022

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### Cleaner

Vacancy for Cleaner to start September 2022

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### Graduate Cover Supervisor to start September 2022

Vacancy for Cover Supervisor to start September 2022

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### Site Assistant

Vacancy for Site Assistant to start as soon as possible

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### Science Technician Level 3 - Chemistry

Vacancy for Science Technician Level Three - Chemistry to start 1st September 2022.

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### Learning Support Assistant

Vacancy for Learning Support Assistant (Core/SHINE).

[Read Full Story](#)



Headquarters, Newsham Court, Pincent's Kiln, Calcot, Reading,  
RG31 7SD  
Switchboard 0118 945 2888  
Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service 🌐 [rbfrs.co.uk](http://rbfrs.co.uk)



**Reference** Wildfire and Water Safety Advice

**Date** 19 July 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am contacting you from Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (RBFRS) and we have some important safety advice we would appreciate if you can pass on.

Due to the current dry, hot weather we are experiencing, the risk of fire in the area presently sits at very high and as a result, fires are quick to get out of control and spread with the arid conditions, causing risk to individuals, property and our local wildlife.

We would ask that parents / guardians remind their young people of the dangers associated with fire and the consequences of lighting fires, especially outside in the current conditions where any fire could accidentally get out of hand unintentionally.

With the warm weather, getting into lakes and rivers may look inviting, however the temperature of the water can still remain cold and lead to cold water shock.

Cold water shock can have a dramatic effect on your body, such as causing you to breathe in water, make your muscles weaken, and can even cause your heart to go into abnormal rhythms, ultimately resulting in death. Watch this [short video](#) from the RNLI which explains more about cold water shock.

Additionally there are local areas where undercurrents can pull you under, even if at first sight the water looks calm. As you may be aware from the news there have sadly been tragic deaths of young people recently within Berkshire and so RBFRS is urging parents to talk with their young people about water safety, encouraging them to swim only in designated areas.

For more information on water safety, please see the [RBFRS website](#).

#### Resources Included

- RBFRS - Wildfire Information
- Water Safety Advice (Cleveland Fire Brigade)

#### Additional Links

- [Water Safety Advice | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](#)
- [Water Safety Advice And Tips - Know The Risks \(rnli.org\)](#)
- [Water Safety | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](#)

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support in helping to keep Berkshire safe.

**Chief Fire Officer - Wayne Bowcock**

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# WILDFIRE

**To help keep you and our countryside safe, we have come up with a checklist for what to do if there is a fire.**



## **What to do:**

- Do not try and tackle the fire yourself
- Call 999 and request the Fire Service
- Give an accurate location of the fire, for example -
  - Name of the nearest road
  - Access points
  - Visible land marks (pubs, farms, power lines, etc)
  - Locally known names
  - Map grid references (Ordnance Survey ideally or an A to Z)
- Move to a safe area and contact the local land manager if possible
- If the fire is in a remote area, please meet emergency services at the access point so that you can guide them to the location



## **What not to do:**

- Do not discard cigarettes
- Do not have BBQs in unauthorised areas
- Never leave a BBQ unattended
- Do not start camp fires out in the countryside
- Do not discard rubbish - particularly reflective materials
- Do not burn off garden rubbish during hot periods or if you live close to woodland or heathland
- Do not have bonfires on hot days or during prolonged periods of dry weather



## **Remember, prevention is key!**

It has taken thousands of years to create the unique habitats that we have in the UK - a wildfire could destroy these in hours. Help Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service keep you safe this summer.

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# WATER SAFETY



## Be Water Aware

Every year there are tragedies in open water that could have been prevented by following some basic advice. Many victims had not even intended going into the water but fall or slip near the waters edge whilst jogging, walking the dog or walking home.

When the sun comes out it is easy to be tempted into the sea, river or lake to cool down and have fun – but there are dangers we all need to heed and **Respect the Water**. This interactive leaflet is designed to point you in the right direction so you, your friends and family can enjoy the water safely.

## Fact:

In 2019 there were 214 deaths due to accidental drowning in the UK.

Around 50% drown taking part in everyday activities.

## What to do if you get into difficulty... RNLI Float to Live Campaign saves lives

Cold water can cause a shock effect on your body, causing you to panic, gasp uncontrollably, breath in water and lose control of your body. Your instinct would be to fight the cold water and swim hard but this would be a big mistake.

Float on your back, arms and legs stretched out for 60 to 90 second until you have taken control of you breathing and have a far better chance of staying alive.

Check out this advice from the RNLI it's a real life saver!



## News Flash!

Float to Live advice saves 10 year old boy swept out to sea....



## Did you know?

35% of drowning victims had alcohol and/or drugs in their system.

50% of those who drowned didn't expect to enter the water.



# AT THE COAST

Be aware of local conditions - look out for safety information signs

## Beach safety

Be aware there may be local conditions that could put you in harms way such as tides, strong rip currents, steeply shelving sea bed or areas that can be cut off by the incoming tide.

**Stay safe** – swim in supervised areas with life guards on duty and always supervise children. Look out for the Red & Yellow flags.

Remember if you get into difficulty someone else may risk their own life to save yours and sadly there are many cases when the rescuer then also becomes another victim.

### Getting swept out to sea...

Remember inflatables such as lilos and toy dinghy's can be dangerous – an offshore wind can blow a small inflatable 500 meters out to sea in just 6 minutes!



If you are going abroad on holiday don't forget to keep water aware – make sure you know what local signs and flags mean.

## New Flash!

Redcar Lifeboat rescues young man being swept out to sea in toy dingy. This man did not know what danger he was in and could have easily lost his life.



## Inland Waterways

Inland water like rivers, lakes and old quarries can pose some specific risks:

- Strong currents
- There can be weeds and debris in the water so watch out
- If you are going fishing alone tell someone your location
- Take care when walking or running by water, the waters edge maybe slippery
- If you do fall in you might not be able to climb out
- And don't forget Cold Water Shock, rivers rarely get above 15 degrees

## Don't Drink and Drown

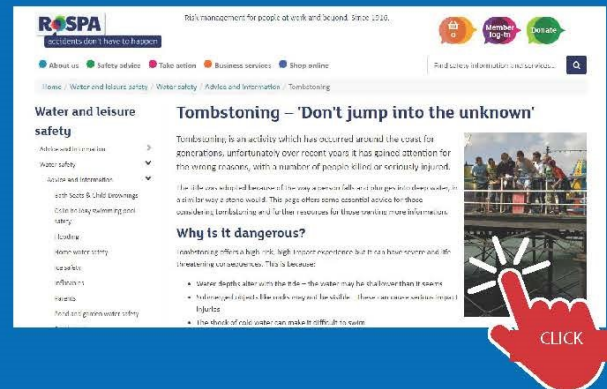
Alcohol can make you vulnerable and take risks – swimming and alcohol just don't mix.

You are also more vulnerable when walking near water if you have had a drink – don't leave your mate behind on a night out  
#BeAMate



## Tombstoning – don't risk your life

Jumping into water from a height be it a bridge, pier or cliff might give you more than an adrenalin kick – remember the danger from cold water shock, hitting the water surface or hidden objects below the surface. Your might literally be 'dying to be cool'



## What to do in an Emergency

- Think** - don't enter the water
- Get Help** - at the Coast dial 999 and ask for the Coast Guard. For inland water dial 999 and ask for the Fire Service
- Reach** - a branch, a pole, but stay low and don't get pulled in
- Throw** - life saving equipment , rope, life belt or something that floats
- Remember** - when rescued keep them warm and get medical help

It's never too late to learn to swim check out the Royal Life Saving Society website or call in at your local swimming pool <https://www.rlss.org.uk/>

