

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #73.13



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sports Awards

On Monday evening, many of us had the pleasure of attending our first Sports Awards. It was great to welcome guests to a formal occasion which celebrated students' sporting successes over the past year. The recipients of the awards demonstrated what it means to live our ACHIEVE values in the sporting arena excelling personally, but also very much collaborating as coaches and leaders amongst their peers.

It was a pleasure to be joined on the evening by our ex-student and 400 metres hurdles runner, Orla Brennan, who gave out the awards. Orla shared how she combined sporting success with academic studies before our PE team led the evening reflecting on the past year in each sport as well as the achievements of the individuals winning awards.

Thank you to our staff, students and their families for ensuring sport thrives at FPSS.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week 2)

ALL EVENTS

THU 25
JULY

End of Term (Term 6)

12.30pm
finish

Forthcoming Events

THU 15
AUGUST

A-Level Results Day

8am - 12pm

THU 22
AUGUST

GCSE Results Day

8am - 12pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

hundred students have received invites to these events and I would like to congratulate them on all their work and efforts this academic year.

Sixth Form Conservation Project

Our Sixth Form students are now in Greece on what sounds like an amazing trip supporting turtle conservation. This is a great chance to support nature across the world as well as having experiences that live long in the memory. I hope all involved enjoy the visit.

Nettlecombe Geography Trip

Thank you to all staff, students and their families who supported our Sixth Form Geography Field Trip earlier in the week.

Year 12 Work Experience

Finally, our Year 12 students have been at various placements this week getting a taste of the world of work. I hope that they have been inspired to pursue certain career paths.

Take care,

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



Rewards Events

The last couple of weeks of term see a range of events in which our students received awards in the form of nominations, trips and events for being the highest ACHIEVE point winners this term and year. Several



CHANGES TO FIXED PENALTY NOTICES AND ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below information from the Local Authority relating to changes to Fixed Penalty Notices and Attendance from September 2024. Please be aware this is a national protocol which comes from the Department for Education Statutory Guidance 'Working together to improve school attendance 2024'.

If there are any barriers to your child's attendance, please do contact your child's Head of Progress who will be able to offer support.

Our Heads of Progress for 2024/25 are as follows:

Year 7: Mrs Charlotte Ridgley
charlotte.ridgley@furzeplatt.net

Year 8: Mr Ben Corbett
ben.corbett@furzeplatt.net

Year 9: Mr Chris Gill
chris.gill@furzeplatt.net

Year 10: Mr Nic Jones
nicolas.jones@furzeplatt.net

Year 11: Mr Chris Djaelani
christopher.djaelani@furzeplatt.net

We look forward to supporting you with attendance for the remainder of this term and in the 2024/25 academic year.

Term starts on Wednesday 4th September for students in Years 7 and 12, and on Thursday 5th September for students in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13.

Miss L Lewis

Deputy Headteacher (Safeguarding and Interventions)

Attendance Lead

6th

STUDENT LEADERS 2024-25

Thank you to our outgoing Senior Students Pippa Largey and Kieran King, and our Deputy Senior Students Finnley Tanner, Tilly Connolly and Daisy Rippon for all their hard work this year. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We are delighted to announce our new Student Leadership team for the coming academic year.

Senior Students:

Jayden Taylor

Leila Meadows

Deputy Senior Students:

Luka Wilson

Abbie Harley Waters

Jack Britton

Congratulations to them all.



FURZE PLATT ONLINE SAFETY HUB

As we approach the summer break, please be reminded of the Furze Platt Online Safety Hub:

FURZE PLATT ONLINE SAFETY HUB

This website provides a wide range of advice and guidance on how to keep your child safe whilst online and on mobile devices. There are tips about parental controls, privacy settings on different platforms and websites of concern.

We hope this resource helps to keep your child safe online.



To the teaching teams – including teachers, cover teachers, teaching support staff, SEN staff and administrators for Year 8 and Year 10, our family would like to express their deepest gratitude for all of the hard work and support that you apply to 'go the extra mile', and all of the pupils at Furze Platt Senior School. Your work and your input truly make a difference. Thank you!

– Parents of students in Year 8 and 10



CHANGES TO ISSUING FIXED PENALTY NOTICES FROM AUTUMN 2024 (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

From Autumn 2024 there are significant changes in the way that penalty notices are to be issued and an increase in the charges associated with them.

The national threshold for issuing a penalty notice is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. This can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 4 sessions of term time holiday plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the registers close). These sessions can be consecutive or can now span across different terms or school years.

When the threshold has been met the school will either offer appropriate support if appropriate or immediately issue a penalty notice if it is the best available tool to improve a pupil's attendance.

Notices to Improve

A Notice to Improve is a final opportunity for a parent to engage in support and improve before a penalty notice is issued. If the national threshold has been met and support is appropriate but offers of support have not been engaged with by the parent or guardian or have not worked, a Notice to Improve should usually be sent to give parents or guardians a final chance to engage in support. A Notice to Improve does not need to be issued in cases where support is not appropriate and an authorised officer can choose not to issue one in any case, including cases where support is appropriate but they do not expect a Notice to Improve would have any behavioural impact (because the parent has already received one for a similar offence).

If sufficient improvement is not made following the service of a Notice to Improve, a penalty notice may be issued either during or at the end of the designated time period.

Penalty Notices

From Autumn 2024 only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent/guardian in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any second notice is charged at a higher rate.

- The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- A second penalty notice will be charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
- A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action should be taken instead. This will often include considering prosecution, but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

If the penalty notice is not paid by the end of the 28 day period, the local authority will decide either to prosecute for the original offence to which the notice applies, or withdraw the notice. Parent(s) can only be prosecuted if 28 days have expired, and full payment has not been made. There is no right of appeal against a penalty notice.

DFE BLOG FOR PARENTS



EVERY DAY COUNTS

How much learning could **YOU** be missing?

Did you know ?

Even at **90%** a student's loss of learning =
4 weeks of missed lessons in a school year
200 lost opportunities to progress

GIVE IT
100%
TO GET
100%



FURZE PLATT STUDENT WINS SILVER IN 400M



We are immensely proud of Demari Gumbs, Year 13, for his silver medal in the 400m at the English Schools Championships last week! His superb performance - clocking in at a National Standard time of 48.28 seconds - shows a remarkable display of talent and he exemplifies our school value of 'excellence.'



SIXTH FORM GREECE TRIP



Our students are enjoying their trip to Greece for our Sixth Form Turtle Conservation Project!

They have already had an informative presentation on nesting turtles and visited the beach to witness a breathtaking sunset. Today (Friday) they will be doing swim tests and snorkel surveys, getting ready to dive in to their hands-on conservation work. Exciting adventures ahead as they explore the underwater world! Students are also learning to fly drones and are conducting their first seagrass survey.



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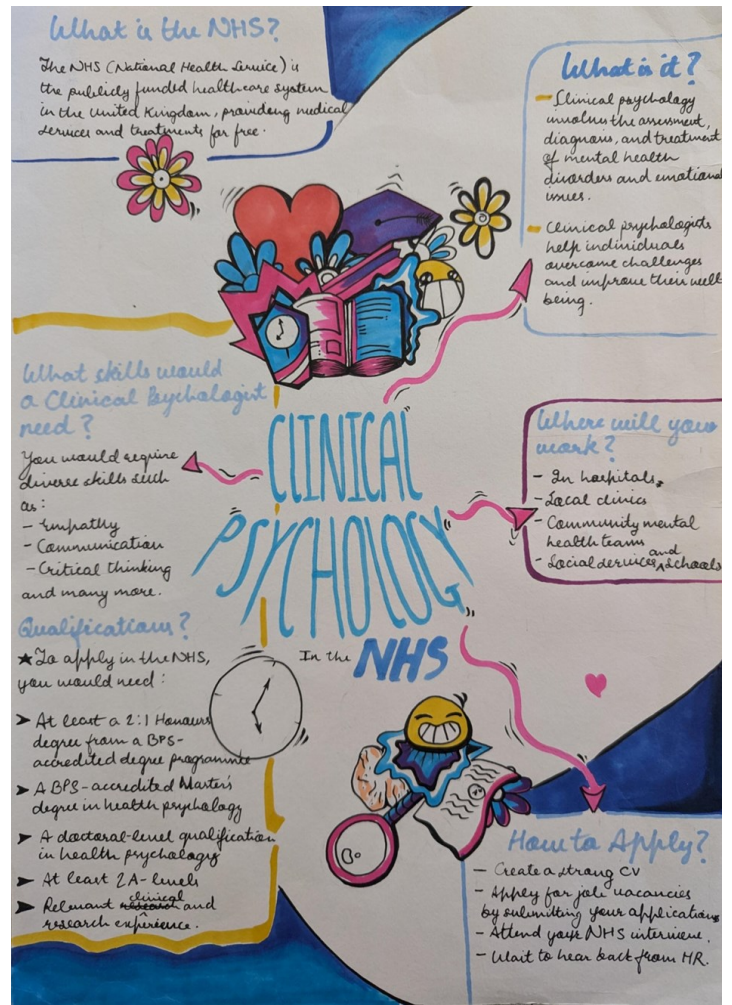
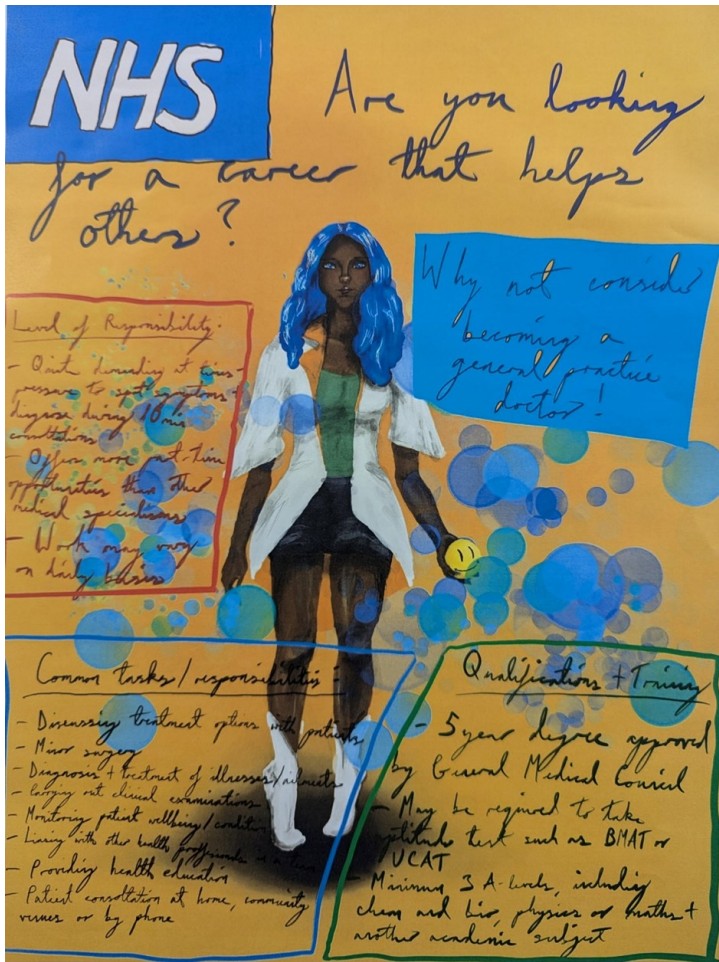
YEAR 9 PSHE COMPETITION

In PSHE last term, Year 9 students took part in the 'Step into the NHS' competition which runs nationally.

Students were asked to research a career in the NHS and create a poster informing other students about what they found.

Two students from 9CED were recognised in the competition, in which hundreds of schools take part.

Eleanor Copping won a 'highly commended' certificate for her submission, which was designed digitally and caught the eye of the judges. Asmi, who moved away shortly after the competition, also won a 'highly commended' certificate for her carefully hand-drawn poster. Their submissions are attached.



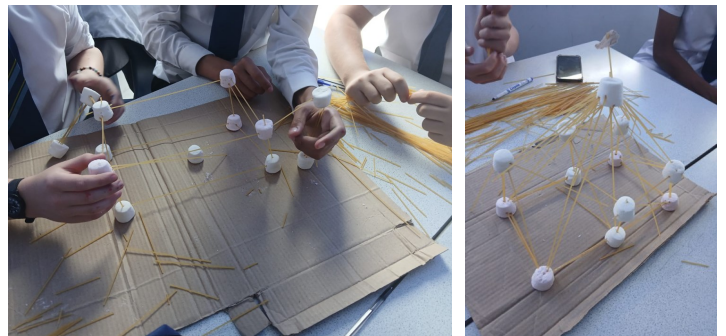
ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

YEAR 10

More photos from our recent Enrichment Sessions:



Great crafting to celebrate Chinese New Year; and Year 10 had fun creating spaghetti stadiums for their Euros 2024 enrichment session.



Thank you to all our staff for supporting these fascinating activities.





YEAR 10 CONSTRUCTION

Thank you to Abbey Construction for taking the time to speak with our Year 10 Construction class about their job as Scaffolders (pictured with Kevin from Satro, our Educational Charity partner). The Abbey team are here to complete government funded roofing works over the summer.



YEAR 10 CONSTRUCTION

Fantastic work by Will Edmunds, chiselling timber and learning how to fit a lock in his construction lesson this week.



YEAR 9 FOOD AND NUTRITION

Fantastic Jammie Dodgers made in Food Nutrition by our Year 9 students this week!

and



A huge thank you to the teachers and support staff for providing so many extra-curricular opportunities to my child. These activities have created wonderful memories that they will cherish for years to come.

- Anonymous



TERM 6 CLUBS 2024

Clubs for the new academic year will be sent out on Friday 6th September.

Please note:

- * once in the list of clubs or academic support clinics, click on the name of the activity or session you wish to book and press confirm
- * please do not duplicate club bookings per session
- * students in upper years may see invitations to academic clubs that are not part of their specific academic programme; emails are sent to year groups so please only choose sessions that are relevant to your son/daughter

SCHOOL CLUB LIST

'Thank you to the entire Sixth Form team for welcoming and supporting my son so brilliantly during this academic year. He settled in quickly and is thriving. Thank you all so much!'

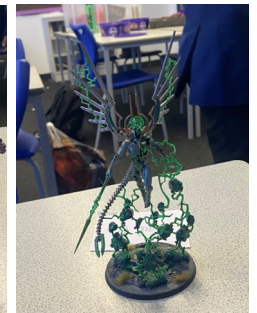
- The family of a Year 12 student



Well done to the winners of the Warhammer painting competition:

- Jaime Seris - Winner with his rust car diorama
- Jack Buy - runner up with his C'tan Shard of the Void Dragon
- Wilf Cutting - runner up with his Chaos Sorcerer

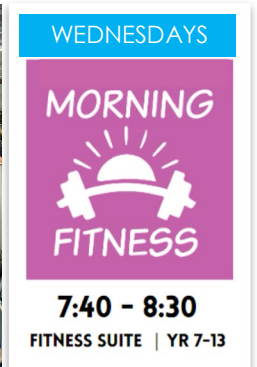
WARHAMMER CLUB



MORNING FITNESS

A morning deeply rooted in the Endurance value of Furze Platt with Mr Djaelani's Morning Fitness group:

Each week students enjoy game strategy, painting and collaboration in our Warhammer Club, run by Mr Tomlinson.



'To all staff at Furze Platt Senior School,
Thank you very much for everything you do.
We appreciate you and all the time and effort
you put in to making our son's school life a
happy and successful one.'

- The family of a Year 10 student



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If you or anyone you know thinks they might be interested in training to become a teacher, please see our website for details on the link below or contact Claire.eadie@furzeplatt.net

TEACH MAIDENHEAD

THANK YOU TO THE HANDMADE CAKE COMPANY



We would like to say a special thank you to the Handmade Cake Company for their generous donation of cakes for an event today organised by Mrs Phillips, Headteacher's PA.



It was very much appreciated and the cakes were delicious!

thank you



ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

MESSAGE FROM ROYAL HOLLOWAY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Subject: Invitation to participate in research - Adolescence and democracy

Dear parents of students at Furze Platt Senior School,

We are a research team at Royal Holloway, University of London working on a UK-wide project that investigates how adolescents make decisions about social and political issues.

The Furze Platt Senior School has kindly agreed to give the opportunity to the students to participate in our study. Our goal is to give a voice to young people aged 11 to 18 years old, and we would like to invite your child to anonymously share their views in our questionnaire. To enable your child to participate, we kindly request that you **complete the following online informed consent form:**

CONSENT FORM

Our research adheres to the highest ethical standards and was approved by the ethics committee of Royal Holloway, University of London, guaranteeing that your child's responses will remain confidential and fully anonymous. We only collect data from adolescents that have parental approval to take part in our study. At the beginning of the online consent form, we will also provide you with more information about our research, and for your convenience, we also included a summary of the study information at the end of this email.

If you wish to find out more about us and what we study you can visit our [website](http://www.rhul.ac.uk) or reach out to us via email: ippad@rhul.ac.uk. We will be more than happy to provide further information and answer any questions!

We sincerely thank you for your time and collaboration!

Warm regards,

Professor Manos Tsakiris, Dr Kaat Smets, Ms Irene Arahal, Mr Olaf Borghi



Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

facebook.com/fpsptfa Website: [click here to access](#)

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?

We are nearly at the end of term and would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us this year.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and also to welcoming new parents and carers in September.

If you would like to join the 200 club for just £5 a month and be in with a chance of winning £200 cash free then you can sign up here.

200 CLUB - MONTHLY DONATION

Keep an eye out on the newsletter next term for information on events for the new academic year.

The PTFA Team.



200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 27
on Saturday 6th July 2024



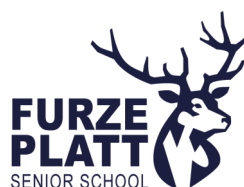
THANK YOU TO THE PTFA

Every year our PTFA works tirelessly to raise money to enable our students to have additional experiences, resources and more.

Please do consider offering your support in September for the new academic year; the more money raised, the more enrichment can be offered.

For new parents and carers - if you'd like to be involved in what may well prove to be an exciting new era for the PTFA then either get in touch: ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net or just turn up to one of their twice-termly meetings - there really is no better way to get to know your child's new school.

A huge **THANK YOU** from all of us at Furze Platt Senior School to the PTFA team for their ongoing hard work..



WE ARE HIRING

Cover Supervisor

EDV/2024/FPSS/34571

Usually 32.5 hours a week with a start time of 8.30am and finish time of 3.30pm (including half hour unpaid break) Monday to Friday, term time only plus two INSET days. Part time/Job Share/Flexible...

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- 🕒 Permanent | Full-Time
- 💷 £19,600.00 - £21,000.00 Annually (Actual) depending on experience and pro-rate if part time.

45 Days Remaining • Apply by Midnight, Monday 2nd Sep, 2024



Apply Now

Thanks for everything you do for our children.

- Parents of students in Year 11 and Year 13



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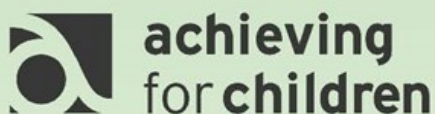
SAFE PROJECT

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!

Gaining the views of **young people** aged 11-18 yrs old or up to 25 with SEN about safety when out in the community within the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

We would also like to gather the views of parents and carers of young people as well as local community members - closes 6th Sept

Scan the QR code or go directly to the link and you could be in with the chance to win one of two £50 or three £30 amazon vouchers.
<https://forms.gle/HYjS1HiASuXukHzTA>





Thought of joining a lively youth choir?

We need new members for September

Making music with us is fun and rewarding



(meets alternate Saturdays in term time from 4.30-7.00 pm)
Girls Year 11 upwards; Boys with changing voices earlier

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