

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #73.4



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodbye Year 13

On Thursday we were incredibly sad to see Year 13 leave FPSS and embark on study leave. During their time with us they have greatly enhanced our school, leading and supporting a whole range of activities.



For example, mentoring students and raising funds for charity. However, far more than simply the actions they have performed, students have been role models for the rest of the community, and I would like to thank them for all their contributions to our school.

Of course, I also hope that they have gained a lot from being at FPSS not only academically but also through the range of activities they have been a part of. I hope they look back with fond memories reflecting on the many opportunities offered by our school. I trust many keep in touch and I look forward to hearing stories from their lives beyond FPSS and Maidenhead.

Examination Season

While I am sure that Year 13 enjoyed their leaving events, there remains much to do as they sit their examinations. Likewise, our Year 11 began with examinations on Thursday and Friday. We are all there to support them, so please do share any concerns with our staff should they arise.

Year 6 Parents Induction Evening

I had the pleasure of welcoming our new intake and their families to FPSS on Wednesday as they prepare to join us in September. It was great to be able to share key information as well as answer questions. For parents who could not attend, you can find the presentation on the link below. We look forward to welcoming students for Transition Days on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July.

Take care,

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

[YEAR 6-7 PARENTS AND CARERS WEBPAGE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 5 EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

FRI 24 MAY	END OF TERM (TERM 5)	3.15pm finish
MON 27 - FRI 31 MAY	MAY HOLIDAY	
MON 3 JUNE	START OF TERM 6 (Week 1)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of medical and dental appointments being taken during the school day.

It is an expectation that medical and dental appointments are taken out of school time. However, the school recognises that it is not always possible. Parents/Carers are asked to make every effort not to arrange appointments during the school day except in emergencies.

When a student must attend a medical appointment during school time, parents/carers must notify the school in advance and provide evidence of the appointment.

Please record all medical and dental appointments under 'Report Absence' in Class Charts.

For further details please see the website for Furze Platt attendance information or click on the link below.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Attendance Team

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

YEAR 11 EXAM REVISION

Summer Revision Programme

Please find this year's summer GCSE summer revision programme attached for your information and reference. All revision sessions during exam phase 1 are compulsory; revision sessions during exam phase 2 are not. However, I strongly recommend that your child attend all revision sessions.

Year 11 students have also been emailed this information.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself, Mrs Feather, Mrs Ridgley or Miss Barney.

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 11 GCSE SUMMER REVISION PROGRAMME

Retrieval Practice

Practice bringing information from memory for better results

Retrieval practice is the act of recalling information without having it in front of you. Research shows this is far more effective than reading and re-reading.

HOW IT WORKS
Cognitive psychologists have found retrieval practice is the most powerful technique for long-term learning.

WRITE IT DOWN
Try writing down everything you know about a topic. Then go back and see what you've missed.

PARTNER UP
Get together with a friend and write down everything you can remember about a topic. Compare notes to see what is missing.

FLASH CARDS
Make some flash cards and try recalling the information on them.

ADVICE TO GET IT RIGHT

"SPACE OUT" YOUR PRACTICE
Retrieval practice is even more effective if it's done in short bursts over time, rather than in a single long session. The struggle involved in trying to recall the information strengthens your long-term learning.

DON'T GIVE UP
It may feel hard at first but the more you practice the easier it will get.

FLASHCARDS
Flashcards are a great way to help you remember more each time. Fill those knowledge gaps. If you have GCSEPod make a flash card for each pod you watch.

HOW USING GCSEPOD CAN HELP
Our assignments are a fantastic way to test your knowledge. Just like past papers, they are relevant to the exams you will be taking. They also auto-mark and show you what areas you need to improve by providing a boost playlist with the exact pods you need to watch to fill those knowledge gaps.

access GCSEPod | gcsepod.com

Revision Packs

Revision resources for each subject are on FP-Cloud under Raising Achievement and Year 11. Within this site there are links to subject-specific revision websites, revision guides, how to revise tutorials, and past papers with their associated mark schemes, examiners' reports etc.

Exam Timetables

It is important that students check their personalised exam timetables thoroughly so they know when their exams are. Making a copy of this timetable is often a good idea. Students will also receive the official JCQ exam regulations information with their timetables. We recommend that you discuss these with your son/daughter to ensure that they are absolutely clear about expectations of how they conduct themselves during exams.

9.5.24 – 22.5.23: Exam Phase 1

During Exam Phase 1, students will either be in an exam, a revision session for that exam or in their normal lessons. 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.

23.5.24 – 19.6.24: Exam Phase 2

From Thursday 23rd May Exam Phase 2 starts. During this phase 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.



ELEVATE WEBINAR - MEMORY

Elevate Education will be hosting their next parent webinar - on memory - on Tuesday May 14th.

Elevate delivers high-impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you'll learn how you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

Sign up for the session below to learn how you can help your child to remember what they learned this year and recall information effectively in an exam setting.

[How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory Tuesday 14th May 6:00-7:00pm \(GMT\)](#)

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- Understanding how your child's memory works
- Optimising your child's environment for memorisation
- 3 practical memory techniques to use with your child this term

STARS OF THE WEEK



We are thrilled to announce the Stars of the Week! These students who not only achieve the highest points in their tutor group but also exemplify the qualities of a 'Zero Hero'.

A Zero Hero is a student who leads the way in their learning journey and positively contributes to our school community while maintaining an exemplary record of behaviour by not receiving any negative points throughout the week.

Miss Rebecca Lake, Deputy Headteacher

YEAR 9

Stars of the Week

Stephanie G 9AND	Jack B 9CED	Jude S 9CHG	Gerhard U 9CHG
Sparsh B 9DNB	Patryk R 9LDC	Frayne P 9LED	
Alexander D 9MIG	Sam J 9SVR		

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL
Mr Jones
Head of Progress

YEAR 10

Stars of the Week

Miguel H 10CRN	Zach E 10DAT	Katie S 10DEN	Jaheil N 10EIB
Adriano C 10GM	Andrew L 10JAS	Maria T 10NOY	
Adam W 10PER	Anvi J 10ROA		

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL
Mr Djaelani
Head of Progress

YEAR 11

Stars of the Week

Sophia C 11AMH	Mia B 11BLC	Lizzie J 11LMS	Joshua C 11MAN
Maximilian W 11NIC	Gabriela K 11RHT	Finley M 11SAM	
Christopher W 11VOJ			

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL
Mrs Ridgley
Head of Progress

YEAR 7

Stars of the Week

Simon W 7AJK	Marwan F 7DAB	Katie E 7EED	Patryk K 7GCD
Stanley P 7JNS	Sofia GM 7KEB	Bertie C 7NAA	
Lili P 7SAI			

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL
Mr Harrison
Head of Progress

YEAR 8

Stars of the Week

Matthew L 8CHP	Finlay P 8JAH	Elliot K 8KAH	Kian W 8MEE
Henry B 8OSB	Ashwini V 8RJW	Lola G 8SH	
Eliza C 8TAS	Leo M 8TJC		

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL
Miss Towell
Head of Progress



**FURZE PLATT STUDENT WINS
1st DIVISION LEAGUE AND CUP**



Tommy Tucker (Year 9) has recently finished playing for the U14 Berkshire Football team, one of 16 boys successfully picked from over 300 who attended trials.

He was very proud to represent both school and county.



The Berkshire players competed in the SW Counties League, comprising of Dorset, Hampshire, Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. There was a very high standard of competitive football, with fixtures played home and away. Berkshire's last game was a 2-1 loss to a very strong Dorset team.

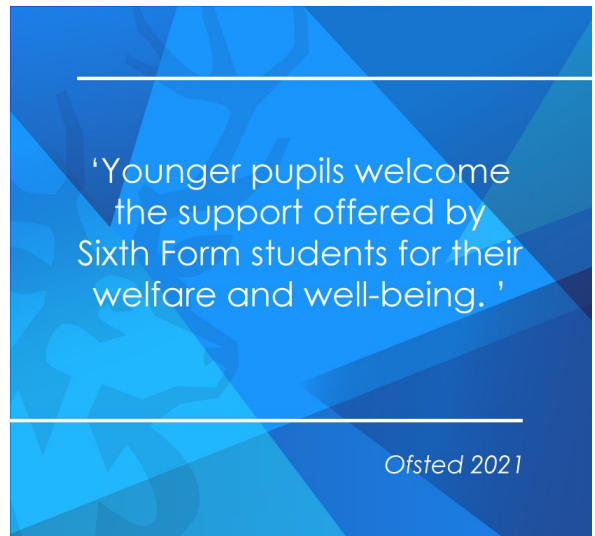
Tommy also plays for Bisham in Berkshire's First Division, who won both the League and the Cup – well done both to him and his teams!

**FURZE PLATT STUDENT WINS
SCULLED PAIRS GOLD**



Jenson Jones (Year 9) won a Gold medal in sculled pairs this week at Dorney Lake and on his first outing as a pair!

Scullery is a nationally oversubscribed event so he has done brilliantly to win Gold in such a popular sport. Well done Jenson!





To ensure they arrive in time for Sports Day in July, the purchase deadline for t-shirts is Wednesday 5th June.



INTERHOUSE - HOUSE T-SHIRTS

DEADLINE TO ORDER - WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE

You can now purchase your child's House t-shirt for them to wear proudly on Sports Day and support their House!

T-SHIRTS COST £10
Buy your House T-shirt - all profits go to Thames Hospice.
The more T-shirts sold the more money will be raised!
See Parentmail for more details/to order (Payments - Shop).

To fit chest:
S 36/38"
M 38/40"
L 41/42"
XL 43/44"
2XL 45/47"

Sizes range from S to XXL, are available in the four House colours and logos and cost just £10 each. If we order enough and can take advantage of bulk discount options, any profit will go towards our Thames Hospice Charity Fundraiser. House t-shirts can be purchased via Parentmail (Payments – Shop).





TERM 5 CLUBS 2024

Parents and carers have been sent the clubs and academic support clinics for this term (April to May).

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



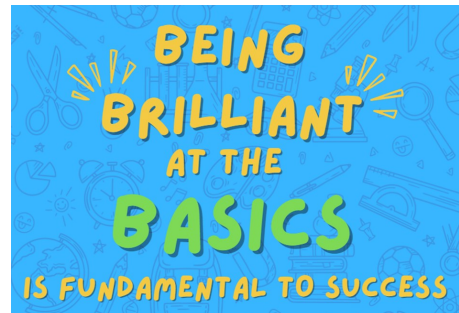
Do you want to be in the next number one pop band, a performer in the best classical orchestra in the world or you just want to be a better hairbrush singer?

The Music Department are giving you the opportunity to let your dreams come a reality!

At Furze Platt Senior School we offer a huge range of lessons through our specialist instrumental teachers. From violin and flute to electric guitar and drums we have it all available to every Furze Platt student.

To find out more about lessons please see Mr Forster or drop him an email stuart.forster@furzeplatt.net

SCHOOL CLUB LIST



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE!



Details to follow in due course...

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

Ofsted 2021

Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

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

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?

News from your PTFA.

Did you know? We've recently donated around £4,500 to the school to spend supporting Gardening Club, Chess Club and our Duke of Edinburgh Awards team for kit; plus funding towards a sensory garden and a new initiative for Sports Award prizes.

These will all greatly enhance your children's learning experience at the school, and we and the school staff are really grateful to everybody who has put in time and money to make this possible.

Now we need your help to carry on and make even more of a difference!

- Help run the 200 Club - one of our main fundraisers and really important to keep the funds flowing but does not take very much time at all
- Become a Uniform Coordinator and help manage our supplies of donated second hand uniform - makes us a lot of money but also provides a vital service to the school and parents
- Join the 200 Club to donate £5 a month (literally less than the cost of a hot chocolate!) and be in with the chance of winning £200 at the next draw - sign up here [Furze Platt Senior School PTFA 200 Club - Monthly Donation | Furze Platt Senior School PTFA \(Powered by Donorbox\)](#)

200 CLUB - MONTHLY DONATION

Please drop us a line under the Facebook video, or email ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net if you would like to find out more.

We look forward to hearing from you!



A big THANK YOU from all at Furze Platt Senior School to our PTFA for their kind donations this term.

WE ARE HIRING

VACANCIES



If you would be interested in joining the FP team, please visit our vacancy page to see our current vacancies and to join our Talent Pool or click on the link below:

MY NEW TERM

And finally...

Fundraising for



Jay Weaver (Year 9) is arranging a cake sale on

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th May in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

There will be a range of cupcakes, brownies, cookies and much more for students to purchase during both breaks.

Students will need to bring cash to purchase items.

For more details please see the ad on page 8.





Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th May 2024 @ Break 1 & 2 in GEN3 & H1!

Cake sale for MacMillan Cancer Charity!

**Cupcakes
Brownies
Cookies
Lemon Drizzle
And Much More!**

Cash Only

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU**



MAIDENHEAD BIKEATHON

SUN 7 JULY 2024 FROM 8.00AM
Maidenhead Office Park, Westacott Way, Littlewick Green, Maidenhead SL6 3QN

3 ROUTES

24
— km —
15 MILES

Family Route

50
— km —
35 MILES

Mid Route

100
— km —
62 MILES

Long Route



Ample car parking for cyclists & supporters



Commemorative medal for all finishers



Raise money for your own charitable causes

Register now: maidenheadbikeathon.co.uk

EAGLES U13 TRIALS FOR 2024/2025 SEASON



**Eagles are always welcome
to new players wishing to
progress their netball. Next
year is an exciting year ahead
for the squad to develop and
compete.**

**Please get in touch
marianetball@gmail.com**

Coming soon!

Register your interest now