



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome to Term 6

I hope that you all had a wonderful Half Term break. Term 6 promises to be an exciting one with FPSS staff planning an enormous number of enrichment activities for our students. Please do encourage your children to get involved! For example, over the last couple of days we have seen students participate in their Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and next week I hope Year 8 students enjoy the visit to Wales.



### Examinations

Following a week to consolidate revision, external examinations have picked up in earnest once again this week. Thanks for all you are doing to support students at home and please encourage them to use the revision sessions and lessons in school to seek help as required.

Take care,

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

## INSET DAYS AND TERM DATES

There are two INSET days this term; Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. School will be closed for all year groups on those dates unless students have an exam or a pre-arranged meeting for an upcoming event.

Term dates for the next academic year can be found on our website via the link below:

[INSET DAYS AND TERM DATES](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week 2)

[ALL EVENTS](#)

MON 10 - THU 13  
JUNE

Year 8 Residential Trip to Wales

FRI 14  
JUNE

INSET Day - school closed for all year groups (except for exams)

## Forthcoming Events

WED 19  
JUNE

Year 11 Graduation

4pm - 6pm

THU 20  
JUNE

Year 11 Prom

7pm -  
10.30pm

[SCHOOL TERM DATES](#)

## YEAR 11 EXAM REVISION SESSIONS

YEAR  
11

We continue to be impressed and proud of the way Year 11 students have conducted themselves during the exam period season so far. There has however been a notable 'drop off' in attendance levels to final exam preparation sessions since half term, so I just wanted to remind you that we are still providing these sessions prior to each GCSE examination.

Please do encourage your son / daughter to attend them prior to each exam they sit, so that they have the very best preparation to perform. In addition, please find a copy of the exam preparation timetable below for you and your child's reference.

Kind regards,

Mr James Dollery, Assistant Headteacher

[GCSE REVISION PROGRAMME JUNE 2024](#)

**YEAR 11 GRADUATION AND PROM**

Our Graduation takes place on Wednesday 19th June at 4.30pm. Students should arrive no later than 3.45pm, in smart school uniform, to meet their tutors in the English block. Please also return any outstanding textbooks or resources.

**Parents should arrive no earlier than 4pm.**

On Thursday 20th June, our Year 11 Prom takes place at Windsor Racecourse. If you have not already booked your child's ticket (via Parentmail) please do so by 5pm Wednesday 12th June.



**ART AND TECHNOLOGY**

**GCSE AND A LEVEL END OF YEAR EXHIBITION**

**THURSDAY 11TH JULY 6-7.30PM**

You are warmly invited to attend our End of Year Art and Technology Exhibition which showcases work from our very talented GCSE and A-Level students.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**SPORTING SUPERSTARS**



Many congratulations to the following students in Years 8-13 who have all qualified to represent Berkshire in the County Championships in Reading on Saturday 8th June, following the athletics trials in May.



There is the chance for them to get into English Schools Athletics Championship if they place; good luck to them all!

**Year 8:**

- Jack Admans (Long Jump)
- Joe Brooker (1500m)
- Archie Charles (1500m)

**Year 11:**

- Danielle Beckley (Shot Put)
- Connor Fitzgibbon (High Jump)
- Sophie McLachlan (300MH)

**Year 9:**

- Anna Webster (100m)

**Year 12:**

- Jack Britton (Triple Jump)

**Year 10:**

- Toby Holmes (3000m)
- Leo Starkey (Long Jump)

**Year 13:**

- Demari Gumbs (400MH)

**KEEN ON CHESS?**

**Chess Trials**  
to be held on **Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th June, Break 1 in E11.**  
**All year groups welcome.**



## YEAR 9 TRIP TO BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NEW UNIVERSITY



**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE  
NEW UNIVERSITY**  
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Thirty eight of our Year 9 students visited Bucks New Uni last term to find out about the courses on offer.



They learnt about budgeting, went on a tour of the site which included the facilities for medical courses, sports fitness labs and recording studios.

They rounded off the day designing and presenting a poster about their experiences.

Thank you to everyone at Bucks New Uni, we had a great day!

## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED OUR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES



Over the past few weeks, our charity fundraising at Furze Platt has been in full flow.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has purchased House t-shirts, donated to fundraisers, bought or donated cakes, bid on prizes or bought raffle tickets – we are very grateful to you all.

### Silent Auction and Raffle

Many congratulations to all our winners who will be notified directly. Thank you all so much for your very generous bids!

A special thank you to all those who donated including:

The Old Butcher's Wine Cellar \* French Brothers \* The Lord Grenfell \* The Marlow Club \* La Indika \* Hair By US \* M&S \* Avon \* Wildwood Home \* Daisy X \* Berkeley Cars \* The Paint Club \* Coach With Mia \* Tom Kerridge \* Pila Yoga \* Leaf and Clay Ceramics

### House T-shirts

Staff and students have been purchasing their House t-shirts to wear on Sports Day...which House will win?!

### Cake Sale in Aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

As a school community we have raised £785 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Great work from Jay Weaver (Year 9), who arranged a cake sale with over 50 donations from a number of companies and individuals. Thanks to all our Sixth Formers who lent their support and to our Sixth Form team, and also to Miss Holloway, Mrs Alston, Mrs Feather, Miss Gorton and Miss Stirling for their help with this event.



# THE WEEK AT FURZE PLATT

Yet again we have had a great week here at Furze Platt...

Here is a snapshot of what our students have enjoyed in the past few days:

Good luck to everyone out this week on their Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award practise expeditions! More pictures on page 6 of this newsletter.



Looking forward to our summer sports clubs and PE lessons! Here are Year 9 students taking a collaborative approach to their tennis activity last term.



Year 9s have been loving making their burger buns. We are looking forward to a taste test!



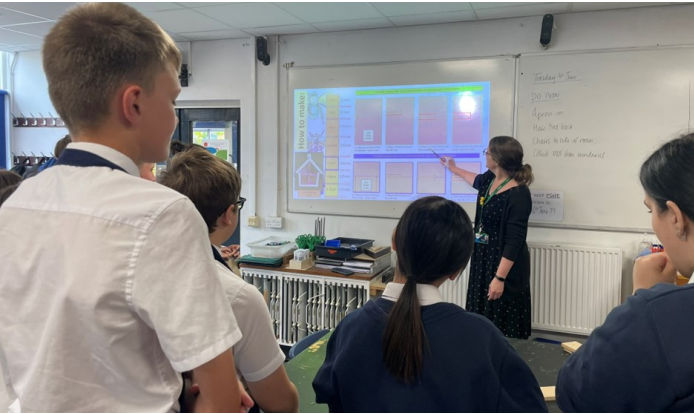
Fun times for some of our Year 7 students earlier this week as they embarked on a science experiment to gather data for their heat and time graphs.



Wonderful experiences for our Year 8 students! They continued their preparations for their bug houses in DT, solved maths problems, and made dough balls in food tech.



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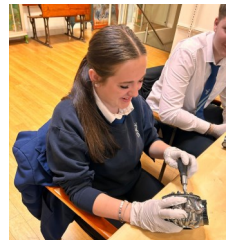
Year Seven students were busy preparing their delicious pizza toast in Food & Nutrition today:



And early morning cricket; kicking off the day right with 7.30am morning cricket nets!



Thank you to everyone at [Repair Café Maidenhead](#) - our Year 10 students had a great time there this week helping to repair items.



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Our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award students showed exceptional endurance and collaboration throughout their expeditions in glorious sunny weather - their determination to succeed has shone through.

Well done to them all.



FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

And finally, pictured below are Year 11 students at their shirt signing last term.



**Prizes:**

- 60 points to the winner + £10 Amazon voucher + queue pass
- 25 points for each student in the final
- 1000 points to the House of the winner, 600 points for 2nd place, 400 points for 3rd place, 200 points for 4th place



**FORM CHAMPIONS – ENDURANCE GAMES**



On the last day of last term, one member of each tutor group was elected as a form champion to compete in the final round of the Endurance Games. Students had been completing a variety of tasks each week in tutor time, and the final round involved a large scale version of 'What's the time, Mr Wolf?'. Students had a great time getting active and having a chance to mix with students from other year groups and Houses.



Well done to all our winners and to everyone who made this a really fun activity!

- 1st place – George Kinder (Year 9 - Osprey)
- 2nd place – Patryk Kurenda (Year 7 - Hawk)
- 3rd place – Mitchell Holmes (Year 10 - Falcon)
- 4th place – Alfie Mabe Year 9 - Eagle



Congratulations to Year 12 **YEAR 12** Hayden Moore who has secured a 3-week paid summer internship with the Scientific and Healthcare recruitment company Zenopa in High Wycombe.

As part of the internship, he will get £250 a week, gain invaluable experience in an office environment, learn more about the degree apprenticeships they offer, network and meet people, and be mentored by a current degree apprentice - providing a great insight into life as an apprentice.

One of our Year 13s, who is currently taking their A-levels in PE, Geography and Business, has also just been offered a degree apprenticeship with them.

Zenopa currently offer:

- their summer internship
- degree apprenticeships in Marketing, Recruitment and Business
- A Graduate Recruitment Scheme for Business and/or Science students graduating from university with a 2:1

To find out more about a future with Zenopa, here is their website:

**FIND OUT MORE HERE**



**TERM 6 CLUBS 2024**

Clubs for this term were sent out on the last day of last term (Friday 24th 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

**SCHOOL CLUB LIST**

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**LATEST NEWS FROM GARDENING CLUB**

After some hard weeding gardening club planted out the tomatoes sown earlier in spring and some strawberries kindly donated by a parent.

We then enjoyed the year's first harvest - fresh mange tout!

We meet every Tuesday after school. Everyone welcome including Duke of Edinburgh volunteers.



**SATURDAY 6TH JULY**  
**SECOND HAND**  
**UNIFORM SALE**  
 More details will be sent out next week.

Here's a short video that explains how you can help the PTFA:

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

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

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

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 below (Powered by Donorbox)

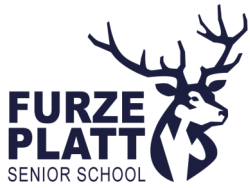
Please drop us a line under the Facebook video, or email [ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net) if you would like to find out more.

**200 CLUB - MONTHLY DONATION**





CHECK OUT OUR CURRENT VACANCIES



**WE ARE  
HIRING**

Join Our Talent Pool

Let us know you are interested in working with us by joining our Talent Pool.

[FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL TALENT POOL](#)



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# Duck Derby & Family Fun Day

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 12pm to 5pm

Ray Mill Island, Maidenhead

**FREE ADMISSION**

Train rides, Stalls,  
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# WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

President: Rt Hon Lady Theresa May



**Conductor** Leon Gee

**Leader** Susie Henwood

**Sunday 16 June 2024 4pm**

Newbold Church, Binfield RG42 4AN

**Walton** Johannesburg Festival Overture  
**Rachmaninov** Piano Concerto No 2  
**Tchaikovsky** Swan Lake Suite

**Piano** Ryan Wang

winner, WMSO Young Musicians' Competition 2022

**Tickets** £15; student/child £5 from [www.wmsso.org.uk](http://www.wmsso.org.uk)



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# Preparing for Adulthood Information and next steps

## EVENT DETAILS

**Friday 28 June**

**10.30am to 1pm**

**Desborough Bowling Club, 10 Green Lane,  
Maidenhead SL6 1XZ**

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Parents and carers of young people with special educational needs (SEND) who are considering their next steps following school (Year 10 onwards)

## WHAT THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE

- The key information and dates for a young person transitioning to college or employment
- An explanation of what supported employment options are available
- An opportunity to share your concerns and anxieties, and ask questions
- Information from key supporting agencies

## How to attend

If you are interested in attending please book via the QR code or Eventbrite <https://tinyurl.com/7hrj39ps>.



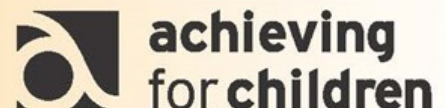
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# MAIDENHEAD BIKEATHON

**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**

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Achieving for Children is committed to providing the highest standards of care. We welcome your views on the services we provide.

If you would like to give informal feedback, a compliment, complaint or provide any suggestion please email Rachael Park-Davies on:

[rachael.park-davies@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:rachael.park-davies@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

If you wish to make a formal complaint, please email:

[complaintsandcompliments@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:complaintsandcompliments@rbwm.gov.uk)

## Accessing our service

Parents or carers and young people can request advice via email or by leaving a message on our telephone line.

All professionals are requested to refer via the Early Help request form on the RBWM Safeguarding Partnership website: <https://rbwmsafeguardingpartnership.org.uk>

## Contact us

**By Post:** School Nursing Team, Achieving for Children Riverside Family Hub, West Dean, off Ray Mill Road West Maidenhead SL6 7JB, Berkshire

To request support and advice please contact:

**T:** 0300 365 6523 (please leave a message and we will return your call either on the day or the next working day)

**E:** [school.nursing@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:school.nursing@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

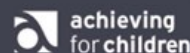
**W:** [AFC School Nursing Team \(click on the link\)](#)

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# School Nursing Team

Supporting children and young people locally



Our school nurses look after the health and wellbeing of children attending a maintained, academy or free school in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM).

We are here to offer confidential advice and support to children, young people and their families.

The School Nursing Team consists of specialist practitioners, staff nurses and school health screeners.

## What we do

We:

- take over from the health visitor on your child's fifth birthday
- provide training to school staff on managing children's medical conditions in school
- support healthcare planning for children with medical needs
- inform children and young people who have additional health needs about healthcare services that are available to them and refer them to services if needed
- offer schools advice and support on all health matters
- run clinics to support families to manage night-time bedwetting.



## Primary schools

In primary schools, we:

- weigh and measure children at school entry and in Year 6 as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. We can support and advise children and families on weight management
- perform vision screening at school entry
- offer hearing checks if there are concerns
- offer advice and support to children and their parents or carers on a wide range of health-related topics
- promote good health and wellbeing for school children
- offer targeted health promotion to meet public health needs

## Secondary schools

In secondary schools, we:

- offer one-to-one confidential advice, to which young people can self-refer. We can advise on diet, exercise, sleep, smoking, their emotional health, healthy relationships and sexual health
- offer targeted health promotion to meet public health needs
- work alongside other agencies to help them understand the health needs of your child

## Keeping children and young people safe

Our school nurses play an active role in keeping children and young people safe. We work in accordance with the RBWM Safeguarding Partnership. Information on our safeguarding policies and details on how to make a referral may be obtained from visiting the website:

<https://rbwmsafeguardingpartnership.org.uk>