

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #73.9



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 11 Graduation and Prom

This week has seen events to mark a couple of highlights of the school year as we said goodbye to the Class of '24, our Year 11 cohort. On Wednesday after school we welcomed our Year 11 students and their families to their Graduation with guest of honour the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Councillor Simon Bond. It was a wonderful (if hot) afternoon in which our staff shared memories of the students and we recognised the contributions they had made to our community in the last five years. The afternoon ended with the obligatory throwing of mortar boards and families taking photographs on the field.



### YEAR 11 GRADUATION VIDEO

*Video courtesy of the Wardle family.*

Graduation was followed on Thursday evening by our Prom at Windsor Racecourse. Students arrived in a variety of vehicles looking resplendent in wonderful outfits. It was a lovely celebration seemingly much enjoyed by all who attended.

Photographs can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

While many students will stay at FPSS for their Sixth Form, we know others will move on to pastures new. On behalf of all FPSS staff, I would like to thank you for the many kind words we have received this week thanking us for our hard work and dedication to our students over the last five years.

All at Furze Platt Senior School wish our Year 11 students and their families every success in the future. Do keep in touch and share your adventures.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week 2)

[ALL EVENTS](#)

MON 24 JUNE	Year 5 Open Morning	9.10am - 11.15am
TUE 25 JUNE	Year 5 Open Morning	9.10am - 11.15am
WED 26 JUNE	Year 13 Prom (tbc)	
THU 27 JUNE	Field Events Sports Day	
	Year 12 Taster Day 1	
FRI 28 JUNE	Year 12 Taster Day 2	

## Forthcoming Events

TUE 2 - WED 3 JULY	Year 6 Taster Days	4pm - 6pm
WED 3 JULY	Performing Arts Summer Showcase	7pm - 9pm
THU 4 JULY	Year 9 Enrichment Afternoon	
FRI 5 JULY	Year 10 Enrichment Afternoon	
SAT 6 JULY	PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale	11am-2pm

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

## Thank a Teacher Day

Finally, I would like to thank all our students, parents and carers who wrote to thank our staff this week on Thank a Teacher Day. There were some amazing messages that were incredibly well received by colleagues. They were much appreciated.

## Hustings

On Wednesday, we were fortunate to have three of our local election candidates join us for Hustings in the FPSS Theatre. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and participate in complex and engaging debate that brought out the differences between candidates and their political

positions. Subjects covered included homelessness, sewage, housing, the NHS and more.

Many thanks to Dr Tania Mathias (Conservatives), Mr Josh Reynolds (Liberal Democrats) and Mrs Jo Smith (Labour) for participating, as well as Mr Andrew Colmer, our Head of History and Politics, who organised and compered the event.



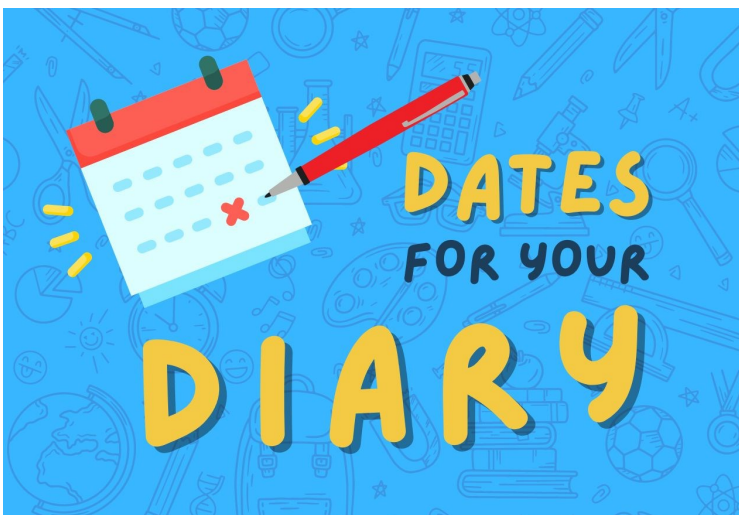
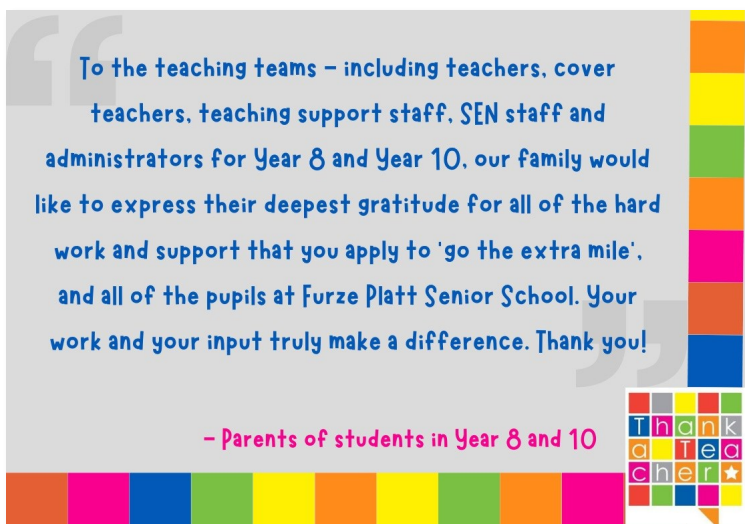
### Examinations

As external examinations come to an end, I would like to congratulate all our students for their hard work during this period. I would also like to thank our exams team who once again ensured that exams were organised to best support our students.

We look forward to seeing our Year 11 and Year 13 students in the summer for their respective results days: A-Level results on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August and GCSE results on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. More details will be sent out in due course.

Take care,

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



### INSET DAY

#### TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Our next INSET day will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. School will be closed for all year groups.

### YEAR 5 OPEN MORNINGS

#### MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AND TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Year 5 Open Mornings are available for all families with students in Year 5 – bookings must be made via Reception 01628 625308. There are SEN specific tours available as well.

### YEAR 12 TASTER DAYS

#### THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

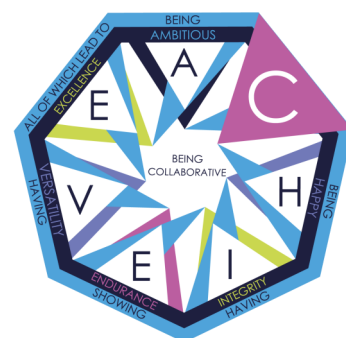
Current Year 11 students with a conditional offer who are hoping to join our Sixth Form have been sent information on our Year 12 taster days.

### YEAR 6 TASTER DAYS

#### TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AND WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY

We look forward to welcoming prospective Year 6 students on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July for their Taster Days with us.

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July our PTFA are holding a second hand uniform sale, more details on page 9 of this newsletter.





PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER  
SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY

**FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL**

**PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SHOWCASE**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2024**

**7PM START IN THE THEATRE**

**An evening of drama and music from our KS3 students.**

**£3 for adults, free for under 18s and over 65s.**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!**

You are invited to our Performing Arts Summer Showcase on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July for a 7pm start.

£3 for adults, free for under 18s and over 65s.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW**



Thanks for everything you  
do for our children.

- Parents of students in Year 11 and Year 13



ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

Years 7-10 have their enrichment sessions in the next few days, students have chosen their preferred activities for these sessions.

Year 7 Enrichment: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Year 8 Enrichment: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Year 9 Enrichment: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Year 10 Enrichment: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

ART AND TECHNOLOGY GCSE AND A  
LEVEL END OF YEAR EXHIBITION

THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL**  
**Art and Technology Department**

Product Design  
Art  
Food  
Textiles  
Photography

**GCSE and A Level End of Year Exhibition**

Thursday 11th July  
6pm - 7.30pm  
Furze Platt Senior School - Art Block



No photography permitted at the event.



# YEAR 11 PROM



Our Year 11 students had a wonderful evening on Thursday celebrating with their Prom, held at the Riverside Marquee in the stunning grounds of Windsor Racecourse.

Here are a selection of photos and thank you to our official photographer Loren Stone Photography.





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



THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who submitted messages for Thank a Teacher (UK) Day!



Congratulations! You have received a thank you message.



YEAR 7 FOOD AND NUTRITION



Last week in their Food and Nutrition sessions, our Year 7 students whipped up a storm in the kitchen, baking delicious chocolate chip cookies. A tasty start to their day!





## YEAR 9 PSHE 'PRISON ME NO WAY'

Year 9 students were given an incredible opportunity for an off-timetable day for PSHE on Monday 10th June with an external company delivering sessions across the whole day. Prison Me No Way will run a series of workshops with them to do with:

- Choices – An ex-prisoner comes in and explains their choice and how it affected them.
- Prison Life – A cell is brought on-site and students are shown and talked about prison life.
- GWR – Trespassing on rails, how dangerous the live rails can be, fare evasion, consequences, etc.
- County Lines – Drugs and how people are pressured into carrying them across the county.
- Knife Crime – Info on knife crime and looking into a specific case study.
- One Punch – How dangerous one punch can be.
- Red Cross – Emergency first aid advice.
- Domestic abuse – Advice on warning signs and what to do in situations.

Thank you to everyone at Prison Me No Way and to Miss Brookling, Teacher of English, for organising the event.



**'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**



## Thorpe PARK

### YEAR 9 TRAVEL AND TOURISM TRIP TO THORPE PARK

Year 9 Travel and Tourism students had a great day out at Thorpe Park this week as part of their curriculum – with plenty of time for some fun on the rides!



**'Younger pupils welcome  
the support offered by  
Sixth Form students for their  
welfare and well-being.'**

*Ofsted 2021*



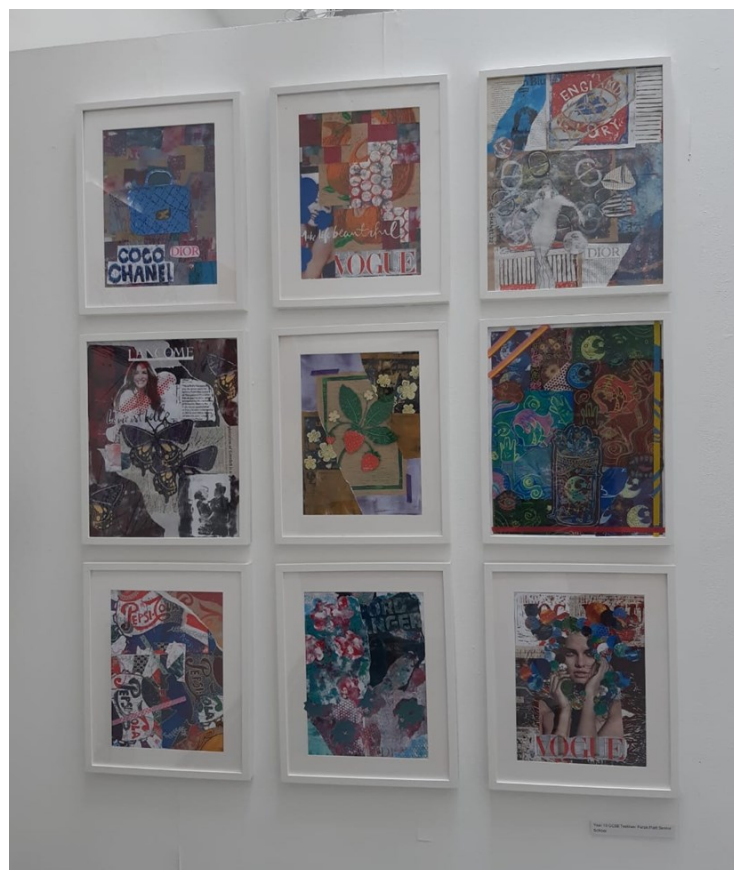
**YEAR 10 FASHION AND TEXTILES**

**UNIVERSITY OF READING / READING GUILD OF ARTISTS EXHIBITION**

Our Year 10 Fashion and Textiles students have created work for an exhibition that the University of Reading have put on in a collaboration with Reading Guild of Artists.

Their collages were part of their print project, and includes their reduction lino prints from their PPE exams as well as research into other artists such as Michael De Feo, Derek Gores, Robert Rauschenberg and Naomi Vona.

Their work will be exhibited until Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at the University of Reading's London Road campus, Reading RG1 5AG.



To all staff at Furze Platt, our daughter leaves Furze Platt after seven very happy years. She arrived a shy little girl and leaves an adult. The teaching staff that have been part of her journey have had a vast input to that. She has been so happy, felt valued, she has been very much a part of a community that has given her security, a purpose and a routine that she'll find hard to leave.

I'm forever grateful that her time at FPSS has given her lifelong friendships and happy memories. Thank you to you all.

- The family of a Year 13 student



**HOUSE VERSATILITY WINNERS**

Individuals

**Whole School**

(£10 Amazon Voucher)

Akeeb Hussain (8RJW)

**Year Groups**

(All to get chocolate bar)

Year 7 – Simon Worley (7AJK)

Year 9 – Annabel Sweeney (9SVJ)

Year 10 – Anna Greenland (10JAS)

Sixth Form – Abbie Harley Waters (6MNV)

Tutor Groups

**Whole School**

(Biscuits and front of queue pass)

8RJW

**Year Groups**

(All to get biscuits)

7SAI

9SVJ

10CRR

6MNV



## LOST PROPERTY



If students have mislaid kit or uniform please encourage them to look for items in Lost Property. We currently have lots of un-named PE kits, coats, school trousers & shirts.

Please can you ensure all items for school – uniform, PE kit, bags, coats etc – are named so they can be easily returned.

Thank you.



SHORT ARTICLE FOR PARENTS

LONGER ARTICLE FOR PARENTS

Please also see our website to get more information about what we are offering this Summer and a guide on bookings.

AFCINFO WEBSITE - WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD



## TERM 6 CLUBS 2024

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



## FUEL BOOKINGS

The FUEL programme provides healthy food and enriching activities during school holidays to children who are eligible for benefits related to free school meals. It is funded by the government under the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme and is expected to run throughout 2024. In RBWM, the programme has been renamed FUEL (Feed Ur Everyday Lives).

The aim of the FUEL programme is:

- to eat healthily and understand nutrition
- to be more active through engaging and enriching activities
- to be safe and not to be socially isolated
- to learn more about the different services Achieving for Children have available in the local area

SCHOOL CLUB LIST

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





## TEACH MAIDENHEAD

If you or anyone you know thinks they might be interested in training to become a teacher, please see our website for details

[LEARN MORE ABOUT TEACH MAIDENHEAD](#)

or contact [Claire.eadie@furzeplatt.net](mailto:Claire.eadie@furzeplatt.net)

## HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL?

### GRAND UNIFORM SALE - SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY

11AM-2PM IN MU2

The PTFA annual Preloved Uniform Sale will be offering logo'd PE kit and daywear at reasonable prices.

Bring your children to try on the clothing and bring some carrier bags to save the environment!

Arrive from 11am to grab a few bargains; cash and bank transfers accepted.

We encourage the recycling, reuse and repurpose of goods so this event is ecologically, economically and environmentally friendly. All funds raised go towards supporting your child's school experiences.



We urgently need at least ten helpers the evening before any time from 5-7 and then on the day any time from 10.30am. We are a small team so even if you can only spare an hour every little helps!

Please email [ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfasecretary@furzeplatt.net).



## 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](#)

### Theatre and Lettings Manager

EDV/2024/FPSS/07177

We have an exciting opportunity for someone to join our team to further grow the range and number of events within our Theatre, maximising the benefits for both the school and the community. We are...

- 📍 Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- 💷 £18,389.00 - £21,496.00 Annually (Actual)
- ⏱ Part time, 22.5 hours per week. Term time only plus two weeks.

**New** • Apply by 09:00am, Monday 8th Jul, 2024

### Learning Support Assistant

EDV/2024/FPSS/39792

We are looking for enthusiastic and reliable individuals to join our core Learning Support team to provide targeted support to our students with Special Educational Needs. This role is term...

- 📍 Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time/Full-Time
- 💷 £22,413.19 - £23,967.42 Annually (Actual)
- ⏱ Part-time and/or Job Share considered. Term time only plus two INSET days.

**New** • Apply by 09:00am, Monday 8th Jul, 2024 • Job start: September 2024

# 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>.



## TO BOOK

Created by RBWM as part of 'Internships Work', funded by the Department for Education.

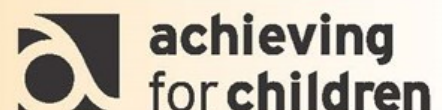
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# VIRTUAL EVENT

## Aspire Programme



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
FIND OUT MORE?**

**26TH JUNE @ 6 PM**



Visit our website: [henleycol.ac.uk/events](https://henleycol.ac.uk/events)





## Working in Wildlife Conservation: Work Experience with your local Wildlife Trust

Considering a career in wildlife conservation or environmental education? Join a small group on a 3 day course at Sutton Courtenay Environmental Education Centre for a hands-on chance to find out what a job in a wildlife charity could feel like, including practical conservation work, wildlife ID and surveying, discussing the challenges of working in the sector and meeting the people doing the jobs already. Visit our website to find out more.

This course is suitable for young people aged 15 to 17 years.

**Tuesday 30 July – Thursday 1 August 2024; 9:30am-3pm**

**£60 per head, covers all three days. Booking essential.**

*"I found the course super enjoyable. I also found the activities very inspiring for my future career."*

**Visit our website to book or for more info:**

- [bbowt.org.uk/events](https://bbowt.org.uk/events)
- 01235 862024 or [sceec@bbowt.org.uk](mailto:sceec@bbowt.org.uk)



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