

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #74.11



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Sixth Form Open Evening

Thank you to all students, parents and carers from FPSS and many schools beyond who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday. It was standing room only in the Theatre as Mr Ging and our Student Leadership Team shared details of what our school has to offer. Students, parents and carers then had the chance to attend various subject talks to learn about potential courses. Good luck to all as you chose your post-16 courses and please remember there are many staff at school you could talk to should you require further advice.



Thank you also to all staff and students who ensured such a successful evening.

### Careers and Higher Education Fair

Tuesday 26 November

Next Tuesday is one of the highlights of the term with our Careers and Higher Education Fair. This is a fantastic opportunity for students, parents and carers to explore career options, businesses, colleges and universities. Come along and tour the stands. All are welcome.

### Year 12 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening

Finally, we look forward to welcoming Year 12 students and their parents/carers to FPSS next Thursday evening. It will be an excellent chance to share how student's Sixth Form courses have started, highlighting the positives and setting goals for the months to come.

Take care,

Dr Andrew J Morrison, Headteacher

(BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week 2)

ALL EVENTS

TUE 26 NOVEMBER	Careers and Higher Education Fair (CHEF)	6pm - 8pm
THU 28 NOVEMBER	Year 12 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 29 NOVEMBER	INSET Day - School closed for all year groups	All Day

## Forthcoming Events

MON 2 - FRI 13 DECEMBER	Inter-house Sports Week 2
TUE 3 DECEMBER	Flu Immunisations (Years 7-11)

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

Our new  
**Sixth Form prospectus**

is now available to  
view online.



SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS & COURSE GUIDE 2025



Preview our  
**CAREERS & HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR**

lineup of  
*Universities, Colleges  
and Employers*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU  
TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 6-8PM IN THE HALL & THEATRE

CLICK HERE TO PREVIEW OUR  
CHEF PROGRAMME 2024



**Over 20 Universities & Colleges come to you!**

So you can narrow down your favourites, ask questions about the courses that they offer and get an idea if University/College is the right path for you.

**Maybe you have a new idea about what you want to do?**

Ideas constantly change and evolve; the purpose of this Fair is to give you the opportunity to test out your latest thoughts by hearing from industry and university experts. If you've been before you can go again, our visiting experts are always changing.

**No booking required, just turn up!**

**WINNERS FORTNIGHT 1**

**COLLABORATION POINTS**

Every term we focus on one of our School values. In term one we are concentrating on 'being collaborative'.

**Our most Collaborative House so far...**



**8,078**  
COLLABORATION POINTS



**8,602**  
COLLABORATION POINTS



**8,873**  
COLLABORATION POINTS



**8,131**  
COLLABORATION POINTS

**Our most Collaborative Year so far...**



**Individuals**

**Whole School**

(£10 Amazon Voucher)

Tawana Nyerenyere 7VJL

**Year Groups**

(All to get chocolate bar)

Year 8 – Felix Beard 8JHL

Year 9 – Oliver Lotherington 9TAS

Year 10 – Matthew Chew 10CRB

Year 11 – Piper Webb 11PEB

Sixth Form – Jacob Hopson 6MNW

**Tutor Groups**

**Whole School**

(Biscuits and front of queue pass)

9TAS

**Year Groups**

(All to get biscuits)

7KAS

8ELF

10SVJ

11LDK

6MNW



## 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.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

[VIEW REPORT & GUIDANCE TO GRADING](#)



## YEAR 12 PARENTS' & STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November there will be an opportunity for the parents/carers of Year 12 to meet their child's subject teachers at Furze Platt Senior School. Face to face appointments will be available between 4.15-7.15pm in the Theatre and Main Hall.

Parents' Evenings are very important events that allow you to gain helpful insights into your child's progress, discuss upcoming assessments and find out how families can support students with revision, therefore we would request you attend the appointments with your child.

School Cloud is a platform whereby you will have an opportunity to book your appointments with your child's subject teachers in advance. The appointments will be available to book on School Cloud from 7pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November and will close on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Best wishes,

Miss R Lake - Deputy Headteacher

[BOOK APPOINTMENTS](#)



## INSET DAY - FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### SCHOOL CLOSED

A reminder school will be closed for all year groups and will re-open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## SCHOOL MEALS

Click the link below for the Furze Platt Caf e's delicious menu for the first 3 weeks of the term. Bon app etit!

[FURZE PLATT CAF E MENU](#)

## SCHOOL CLUBS

### Term 2: November - December

Parents and carers of students in all year groups will have received e-mail invitations (**Friday 25th October**) to book clubs for their son/daughter this term.

The email was headed Furze Platt Senior School with the email address [evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk](mailto:evolve.furzeplattsnrvisits@edufocus.co.uk). If you have not yet received an email please check your junk / spam folders.

[SCHOOL CLUBS WEBPAGE](#)



# THE WEEK AT FURZE PLATT

## YEAR 8 RUGBY TRAINING

After a heavy defeat last week Year 8 were able to show their endurance in training through non-stop contact and collaboration drills to improve their defence.

We are proud of their dedication to improve their rugby skills.



## YEAR 12 & 13 FURZE PLATT MAGISTRATES COURT MOCK TRIAL

Last Thursday, we hosted a magistrates talk for the Year 12 and 13 Criminology students. A Mock Magistrate's Court was staged in the hall, where a practicing magistrate answered questions from the audience. Ethan O from Year 13 has written the following article reflecting on this experience.



*During period 1 on Thursday, the school was visited by a magistrate who operates at the Magistrates' Courts in Reading and Slough. The Magistrate spoke to the Criminology students in the hall and talked them through*

*the day-to-day work of a Magistrate. As part of the visit, the students took part in a mock court trial, in which several volunteers played the parts of key personnel within a court trial. Archie took the role of the defence barrister and Ethan as the prosecution barrister, with Grae as the lead magistrate, and Mateo and Kacper as the additional two magistrates. The defendant in the dock was Charlie. The visit was an invaluable experience and supplied the students with a deeper understanding of the powers a magistrate has to deliver justice, alongside what crimes a magistrate deals with regularly and how these proceed to a prosecution.*

*Furthermore, we were taught much about the process of a generic trial within a magistrates' court, giving students a glimpse into the types of cases magistrates typically handle.*

*The mock court trial included a charge, against our volunteer defendant Charlie, for a motoring offence of going 10 mph beyond the area's speed limit, where the speeding offence took place. The penalty began as an £85 fine plus a £30 added charge, with 3 points on the defendant's driver's licence. Archie defended Charlie against Ethan's charges, but ultimately our magistrates' made sure order was maintained in the court trial, giving the finalised charge to Charlie's motoring offence.*

*A memorable moment in the trial was when Grae told off the defendant and the defence barrister for causing a disruption within the court room! The trial was an amazing insight into the typical processes and types of crimes dealt with by a magistrate on a daily basis. The magistrate was asked what the most common types of crimes brought to court are, or what's the most severe sentence a magistrate can grant. Many topics were covered. The visit was a brilliant experience for the students as they learnt much about trial processes, rules within a court and how being a magistrate generally works, not to forget understanding the consequences too for breaking laws. It was an amazing educational experience for everyone involved!*

Ethan O - Year 13

## GARDENING CLUB UPDATE

Gardening club planted two beech trees and started revamping the planters by the Maths Department with some variegated ivy.

We welcome all year groups and quality as volunteering for the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR STUDENT CAPTAINS

Hello parents/carers and students,

Here at Furze Platt we recognise the importance of supporting the community, which is why our student leaders are very proud to announce that we will be partnering with the Thames Hospice once again. After last year's immensely successful fundraiser, we have decided to keep the ball rolling and continue to raise money for the Hospice. In the festive spirit, we have decided to have a Christmas themed fun-run on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The event will take place during P4 and P5 of the school day; plenty of time for everyone to get involved. We encourage as many students to get involved with the running as this is a great way to show your support for the Hospice and all the families that rely on their services. Equally if running is not for you, you can show your support by donating to our charity on the link below.

### SPONSOR OUR CHRISTMAS FUN-RUN

So, put on your Christmas hats, reindeer antlers, and trainers and get ready for a day of fun and festivities!



**RAISING MONEY FOR Thames hospice**

**CHRISTMAS FUN-RUN**

**FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024  
P4 & P5**

**We are raising all funds via Just Giving:**

**[justgiving.com/page/fpss-thames-hospice](https://www.justgiving.com/page/fpss-thames-hospice)**

**FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL**



MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH THE **ACHIEVE FUND**

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR ACHIEVE FUND**

# elevate<sup>↑</sup>

education

## FREE PARENT WEBINAR: HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BUILD RESILIENCE

Elevate Education will be hosting their next parent webinar on resilience on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Elevate works with our students, delivering 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 recover from a knock to their confidence. Whether that's a disappointing grade, exam slip-up, or a less-than-perfect report.

### How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE**

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

- Practical strategies to help your child manage their response to setbacks
- Building your child's resilience both in and out of school
- How 'fear of failure' can impact your child's resilience





# FUEL

## Feed Ur Everyday Lives



### BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD 2024-25 LAUNCH



We are delighted to forward the attached information about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for 2024-25.

As detailed in the launch letter, if you would like to take part then the deposit of £100 is due **by Monday 9th December**, with the remaining balance of £150 due by Monday 6th January. The payment item can be found in ParentMail by selecting 'Payments' and then 'Shop' from the bottom of the screen.

Please contact [dofe@furzeplatt.net](mailto:dofe@furzeplatt.net) if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Desrene Carty  
DofE Manager (Registration, Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections)

David Randall  
Outdoor Education and Enrichment Leader (Expedition section)

BRONZE DOFE INFORMATION LETTER

STUDENT PROMOTIONAL LEAFLET

PARENT PROMOTIONAL LEAFLET

DOFE PROGRAMME VOLUNTEERING IDEAS

### WINTER FUEL CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

We are delighted to share with you that RBWM Local Authority are once again running their Winter FUEL Programme. This is a series of free clubs and activities for children who are aged 5- 16 years old and are receiving Free School Meals.

There is also extended eligibility criteria for children who are:

- Accessing Pupil Premium
- Child in Care
- Refugees
- Child being supported by an Early Help or Social Care plan
- Young Carers

The FUEL live date will be the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from 9am. Bookings and a list of activities can be made on the link below.

[BOOK HERE](#)

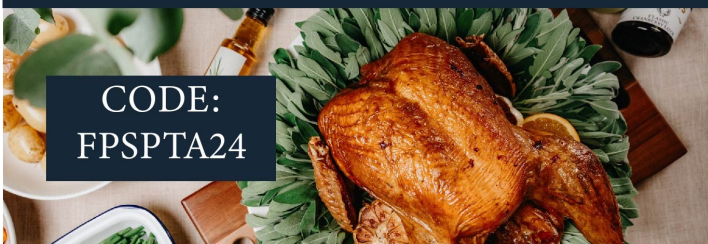
The Winter Programme on the **23rd and 30th December - 2nd and 3rd January.**

Please book through the eequ system as per Easter and Summer where you'll find all the programmes we have running this Christmas. In the meantime please check out the FUEL website for more information.

WHAT IS THE FUEL PROGRAMME?

Please email [haf@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:haf@achievingforchildren.org.uk) for any other enquiries

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Furze Platt Senior School



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## Qustodio Online Safety Parent App

Don't forget to sign up for your FREE Qustodio. Gain more visibility on what's going on in your child's online world and make sure they are kept safe. Block dangerous content, introduce screen-free schedules, receive alerts for inappropriate content and more. Follow the link to create your free account:

**CREATE YOUR FREE ACCOUNT**



**FURZE PLATT**  
SENIOR SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 11  
DECEMBER 2024

7 PM START IN THE  
THEATRE

SAVE THE DATE



### ONLINE SAFETY HUB



A reminder that you can access the Online Safety Hub FOR FREE. Head to the Online Safety Hub for lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online. It includes information on the latest hot topics when it comes to keeping your child safe, such as how to manage your child's screen time, understanding the latest gaming platforms, what they mean for your child's safety and lots more. Simply follow the link to access The Online Safety Hub:

**FURZE PLATT ONLINE SAFETY**



LEISURE FOCUS  
FURZE PLATT LEISURE CENTRE

# BLACK FRIDAY



# 12 MONTHS £199.00

**STAY FIT NOT STILL**

OFFER VALID 29TH NOVEMBER 2024

JOIN NOW

COME TO THE CENTRE AFTER 4PM OR CALL 01628 965754



# We're encouraging all parents to

## Think Pharmacy First



Earache  
(Children aged 1 to 17 years)

Did you know that community pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available (if required) for **five clinical conditions** particularly relevant to school age children?

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)
- Sinusitis (over 12s)

GP practices are busy and making an appointment with them is not always necessary!

When your child is ill with any of these conditions, head straight to your a local community pharmacy where you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice, guidance and even medication if it's needed. Lets get your child on the road to recovery as soon as possible.



Infected Insect Bite or Impetigo  
(Children and adults age 1 and over)



Sore throat  
(Children and adults age 5 and up)

The majority of Frimley Health and Care community pharmacies offer the Pharmacy First service.

Remember – if your child has an ear ache, sore throat, impetigo symptoms or a suspected infected insect bite think **Pharmacy First.**

For more information visit:  
[www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies](http://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies)





The Croft Clinic

## ADHD AND AUTISM SUPPORT

### Coffee Morning!

We warmly invite you to our coffee morning, a supportive space for parents to connect, share experiences, and build a strong community with others who understand the unique challenges and joys of raising children with ADHD and Autism.

#### Event Details

- **Date:** Friday, 6th December 2024
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **Venue:** The River Room, The Odney Club, Odney Lane, Cookham, SL6 9SR
- **Cost:** £5 per person
- **Refreshments:** Tea, coffee, and a selection of cakes provided  
*(Please let us know of any dietary requirements so we can accommodate them.)*

#### Why Attend?

- **Connect** with other parents who share similar experiences.
- **Exchange** valuable insights and support one another.
- **Relax** with tea, coffee, and delicious cakes in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

#### Special Guest: Gemma Ransome, Paediatric Dietitian BSc RD

Gemma will be joining us to share insights on children's nutrition. She offers virtual or in-person appointments at The Croft Clinic to support families with:

- Growth faltering, weight management, and healthy eating
- Selective eating/ARFID
- Allergy and intolerance, Coeliac Disease, Anaemia, vegetarian, and vegan diets

**RSVP:** To ensure we can accommodate everyone, please RSVP by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November to [admin@thecroftclinic.com](mailto:admin@thecroftclinic.com)





Elevate Education's Autumn Term

## Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

### ***How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated***

17th September 6:00pm

### ***How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time***

1st October 6:00pm

### ***How You Can Help Your Child Set Up for Success in Exams***

15th October 6:00pm

### ***How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory***

19th November 6:00pm

### ***How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child***

3rd December 6:00pm

### ***How You Can Help Your Child Alleviate Stress***

17th December 6:00pm

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukschoolwebinar>