

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #74.2



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

Preparing to Succeed Evenings

Thank you to all parents, carers and students who attended our Year 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Prepare to Succeed Evenings this week. It was a pleasure to welcome you to a new academic year and share information so that we can work together to support our young people.



Clubs and Activities

An important part of what we do in developing our ACHIEVE values is our enrichment activities. It has therefore been a delight this week to see clubs back running with many students participating in the vast range of opportunities FPSS has to offer. Please do encourage your children to get involved in an activity.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate one of our Year 8 students, Isabella, who recently won a BBC Radio Berkshire Make a Difference Award (full details on page 2). We are always delighted to see our students live our ACHIEVE values and contribute to their communities.

Take care,

Dr Andrew J Morrison

Headteacher

(BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)



UPCOMING EVENTS

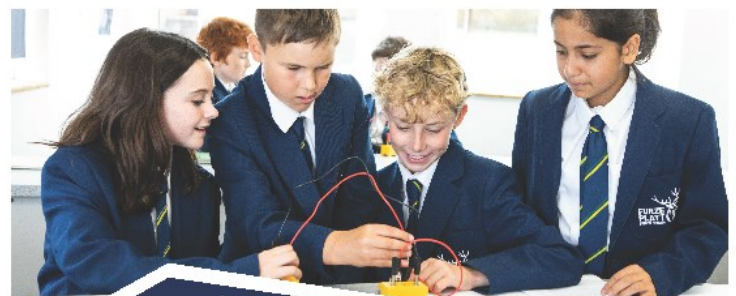
Next Week (Week 1)

ALL EVENTS

Forthcoming Events

THU 3 SEPTEMBER	Early School Finish	12.30pm finish
	Whole School Open Evening	6pm - 8.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES



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YEAR 8 STUDENT WINS BBC AWARD

We are delighted and proud to announce that one of our amazing young carers at our school, Isabella Faulkner, in Year 8, has won a BBC Award - The 2024 Carer Award, that has also gained newspaper recognition. She has been tirelessly and incredibly helping to support and care for her brother since his birth over the last 6 years. In addition to this, she has become an ambassador for a related charity to her brother's complex neurological surgeries and needs. Bella has spent endless hours volunteering. The articles are below.

**BBC RADIO BERKSHIRE MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD
2024 WINNERS**

LOCAL HEROES IN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARDS FINAL

Well done Bella - we are very proud of you!



SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Last year's musical, Guys & Dolls was a great success (pictured above). We would like to invite our students to audition to take part in this year's School musical!

But what is the musical going to be...

Auditions will take place:



Mrs K Kalinowski, Head of Performing Arts

**Tuesday 17th September
at 3.15pm- 5.30 in DS1**

What do you need to do?

Prepare either the song:

- 'Where is Love'
- 'Consider Yourself'
- 'He Needs Me'

You will be given an extract of a script to perform in a small group in the audition. **You do not have to have a group to come with, you can be put in a group.**



PREPARING TO ACHIEVE EVENINGS

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Preparing to Succeed' evenings this week.

Please find the presentations from these events on the links below:

YEAR 10 - PREPARING TO SUCCEED PRESENTATION

YEAR 11 - PREPARING TO SUCCEED PRESENTATION

YEAR 12 - PREPARING TO SUCCEED PRESENTATION

YEAR 13 - PREPARING TO SUCCEED PRESENTATION

HIGH JUMP - SOUTH EAST REGIONALS



This weekend, Connor Fitzgibbon (Year 12) proudly represented Berkshire in high jump at the South East Regionals. He finished a very respectable 5th in the South East with a jump of 1.80m. Congratulations Connor!



ENGLISH GCSE -

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As part of your child's GCSE curriculum, they will be studying two significant literary works:

1. An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley
2. Macbeth by William Shakespeare

This term, we will begin with An Inspector Calls, and it is essential that your child purchases the playbook as soon as possible to aid in their studies and prepare for their future examinations.

In January, we will transition to Macbeth, which will also require your child to have a copy of the play on hand. It is crucial for their learning and success throughout the year that they have the correct equipment and text books.

Here are some suggested retailers for purchasing the playbooks:

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS

MACBETH

Mrs. Y. Hmeid (Head of KS4 English)

OPEN EVENING



THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 6 - 8.30pm

Early finish for all students – 12.30pm

Our annual Open Evening is being held on Thursday 3rd October for prospective students and their parents. All current Furze Platt students will finish at 12.30pm that day; helpers will be invited back before the event starts. More details will be sent out in due course.

INSET DAY

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

School will be closed for all year groups.

Please note further INSET days for this academic year are on the following dates:

- Friday 29th November 2024
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

This event will take place from 6-9pm and will be followed by a 9.15am start for all students on Friday 22nd November. Further details will be sent out in due course.

CAREERS FAIR

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

This event will take place from 6-8pm. Further details will be sent out in due course.

FURZE PLATT KITCHEN

A warm welcome to our new Accent Catering team at Furze Platt Senior School! We're excited for all the tasty meals ahead. Please click on the link below to view the new menu options.

TERM 1 CLUBS (SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024)

MAIN MENU



We encourage students to make the most of the numerous opportunities to develop old and new interests and skills. By participating in a wide range of extracurricular activities, students will become more closely connected with Furze Platt Senior School and contribute to the long-standing tradition of learning beyond the classroom.

Clubs for Term 1 2024-25 (September - October half term) invitations from Evolve were sent out on Friday 6th September 2024.

You can see more information, including the dates each club is on, by clicking on the name of each club individually.

Please do not delete these emails as new clubs or clinics may be added throughout the term and you will need to book via the original links.

We are delighted to be able to offer many clubs for our students in this term with a very broad range of activities on offer. It's no wonder that so many Furze Platt students take part in at least one extracurricular activity each week.

Full details about our school clubs and academic support clinics can be found on our website under 'News & Events', 'School Clubs'. A quick link to this webpage can be accessed through the link below.

SCHOOL CLUBS WEBPAGE



FITNESS CLUB: THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM MR DJAELANI

It was fantastic to see a huge number of students turning up for the first fitness club of the year to work off the summer rust!

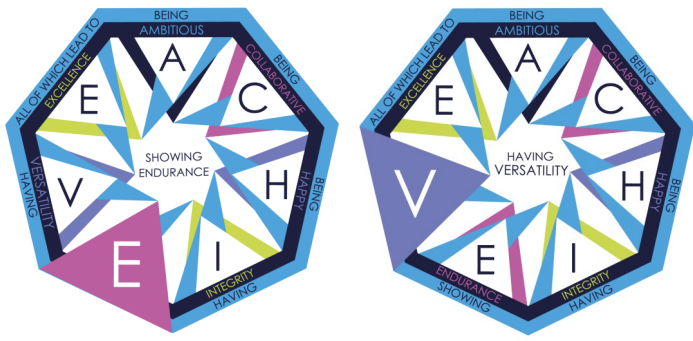
GARDENING CLUB UPDATE - FROM MRS COOK



Gardening club are all looking forward to an exciting term of planting more in 24 with harvesting, seed collecting, tree planting and crafts already planned. We got off to a super start by harvesting our first ever crop of Furze Platt lavender for drying and....(we shall let you know when we have made them).

All year groups are welcome. Tuesday after school in S12. Volunteering with us can count as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.





Contact us Email: ptfa@furzeplatt.net

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

WELCOME (BACK) TO SCHOOL!

MUSIC AT FURZE PLATT

Here at Furze Platt Senior School, we are lucky enough to have a number of music providers for our students to learn singing, instrument and playing either solo or as part of a group.



Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Friends,

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION REQUEST FORM



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

The PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends' Association) would like to welcome all students and parents to Furze Platt Senior School, whether you are returning for another year or joining us for the first time.

The PTFA is a registered charity and run by a small committee of enthusiastic volunteers. Like the PTFAs you may be familiar with from your junior school, our main role is fundraising. However, we don't tend to do large scale events that demand lots of manpower, such as Christmas and Summer Fairs (and the Friday afternoon ice cream sales – although we quite miss those!). At Furze Platt Senior School, while running one or two one-off events, over the past few years we have raised our most significant funds through regular contribution schemes like the 200 Club, second-hand uniform sales, and Easy Fundraising.

All funds are raised for the benefit of the school, and over the past year things we have funded include new lab coats and science calculators for the Science Department, tools for the Gardening Club, lathes for the Engineering Department, equipment for Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, and storage boxes for the Construction Department. Additionally we funded prizes for the Sports Awards and the prizes for the Celebration Evening last

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week. So nearly every student in the school has or will benefit from the funds raised by the PTFA.

If you would like more information and/or would like to be involved in the PTFA, please email us at ptfa@furzeplatt.net. Or drop us a message through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/fpsptfa>.



Returning parents, if your sons/daughters have outgrown their uniform over the holidays we would be pleased to receive your donations of clean, saleable, logoed uniform in the containers in School Reception. This can then be sold to help other parents out and raise money for the PTFA at the same time.

There is no need for a huge time commitment, and many ways to help, so we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch if you have ideas, suggestions or just want to find out what the PTFA is all about.

Best wishes

Your PTFA

200 CLUB

Who will be our next lucky winner?

Join today for a chance to win!



Please consider joining the 200 Club. For £5 a month, only a bit more than the price of a coffee from certain well-known companies, you can purchase a number which will be entered into our quarterly draw and gives you the chance to win £200. Tax-free! Please sign up using the link below and good luck!

[JOIN OUR 200 CLUB](#)



We are registered with Easyfundraising.org to receive online donations when you access your favourite online retailers via Easyfundraising. It doesn't cost you anything and is literally free money for us. Sign up or re-direct your current causes to us using the link below:

[HTTPS://WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

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'Pupils are friendly, courteous and polite. They say that they are happy and that they feel safe.'

- Ofsted 2021

Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ An inclusive education which is broad, stimulating and rewarding for all.
- ▶ Superb academic, sporting and arts facilities which create an aspirational learning environment for students.
- ▶ Our Tutor Groups to give students identity and belonging and includes dedicated staff, mentors and leaders who will support and help with students' development.
- ▶ Our Houses to encourage friendly competition and a sense of community.



Students are able to **ACHIEVE** excellence and successfully progress to the next stage of their lives as well-educated young adults we are proud to know.



'The curriculum is aspiring, broad and personalised. It is designed well to meet the needs of all pupils.'

- Ofsted 2021

How to find us:

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INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER

5:30PM TILL 8:00PM

#QUESTIONSEEKGROW



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

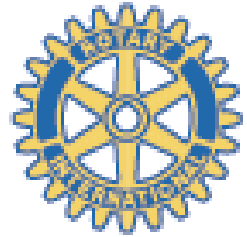
3rd December 6:00pm

How You Can Help Your Child Alleviate Stress

17th December 6:00pm

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

LIONS CLUB OF MAIDENHEAD



1 in 8 men will get prostate cancer.

A simple blood test could save your life.

Males (aged 40 and over) are invited to come for a

FREE PSA BLOOD TEST

On Saturday, 28 September 2024

10am to 4pm

Desborough Bowling Club

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- Develops Core, Balance & Overall Strength
- Teaches Discipline & Respect

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