

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #74.9



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome Back to Term 2

I hope that you and your families had a great break and are looking forward to Term 2. This term continues to be full of events including our Sixth Form Open Evening, Careers Fortnight (including Careers and Higher Education Fair) and Christmas Concert amongst much more. I look forward to seeing all our students participating in events and activities this term, as well as continuing to focus on their studies.



### Year 11 PPEs

Good luck to all our Year 11s with their PPEs. These began this week but continue in earnest next. From conversations at Parents Evening before half term, I know many students have been working hard to revise and wish them every success.

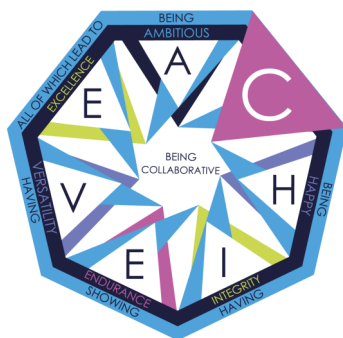
### Sixth Form Open Evening – 21 November

We look forward to welcoming many of you to FPPS in a couple of weeks for our Sixth Form Open Evening. This will give all our Year 11 students and the many who will join us from elsewhere, the chance to see the courses and opportunities our Sixth Form has to offer. I look forward to seeing you there.

Take care,

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

Headteacher



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week (Week 2)

ALL EVENTS

MON 11- FRI 15  
NOVEMBER

Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations

## Forthcoming Events

THU 21  
NOVEMBER

Sixth Form Open Evening

6pm - 9pm

FRI 22  
NOVEMBER

Late Start

9.15am

## SCHOOL TERM DATES



FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

2024  
SIXTH FORM  
OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER  
6PM - 9PM



No booking required, all welcome.

## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 6-9PM

We are very much looking forward to seeing Year 11 students and their families in school for this event on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Our Sixth Form Open Evening is the starting point in the admissions process for next academic year and the evening gives a great opportunity for students and their families to come into school, learn all about what subjects are like in the Sixth Form and have their questions answered from teachers, students and the Sixth Form team. There is no need to register for this event in advance and so we look forward to seeing you on the 21<sup>st</sup>!

Mr P Ging, Head of Sixth Form

CAREERS & HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

# CHEF 2024

Tuesday 26 November, 6pm - 8pm  
in the Main Hall & Theatre

Discover what options are open to you after school.

Be introduced to courses, jobs and opportunities ... some you've never even heard of before! This might be the start of discovering the next part of your journey.

## SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Recently, a notable number of our Year 12 and 13 Maths students took part in the National Senior Maths Challenge. These students rose to the occasion, demonstrating remarkable ambition, endurance, and excellence throughout the competition. They truly embodied the ACHIEVE values of our school through their involvement in this national event.

As in previous years, our students excelled, with 19 earning either a gold, silver, or bronze award. Jacob Hobson from Year 12 performed exceptionally well, qualifying for the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo competition scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024. We wish him all the best in this upcoming challenge. Additionally, congratulations to George Stiles achieved the highest score in Year 13.

As a Maths department, we take great pride in providing our Sixth Form Maths students with this enriching opportunity and celebrate their outstanding accomplishments in these competitions.

The photo below features some of the award winners from the Maths Challenge.

Mr. J.H. Langenhoven (Maths Enrichment Coordinator)



An opportunity to ask your questions:

**To Universities & Colleges:**

- How are your courses taught (tutorials, seminars, practical sessions)?
- Are classes available online or in-person?
- Where does your university rank, compared with other institutions?
- What is the workload for the course like?
- How many contact hours are included in this course?
- How is this course assessed (exam, dissertation, coursework and so on)?

**To Employers:**

- What steps can I take now to prepare for a career in this industry?
- Are there any networking or mentoring opportunities available?
- What skills are valued by employers in this industry?
- How competitive is the job market in this field?
- Are there work experience, internship, or co-op opportunities available for students?

No booking required, just turn up!

## CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR 2024

This year's Careers and Higher Education Fair, for students in Years 9-13 and their parents, will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm – 8pm.

We aim to have about 25 universities here and around 40 stalls representing a wide range of careers and industries. We still have a few spaces available if any parents would like to take part and showcase their career or industry or could suggest someone who might be interested. We will welcome any career field but would particularly love to include any of the following

- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Estate agents
- Hospitality - hotels
- Motor vehicles -any aspect
- Fashion
- Retail

If you can help, please email [judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net](mailto:judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net)

# THE WEEK AT FURZE PLATT

## TABLE TENNIS P.E. LESSONS

A collaborative and ambitious morning of Year 8 table tennis as they mastered their forehand and footwork.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Our Year 9 & 10 DofE classes have been doing a fantastic job building relationships with the children at Furze Platt Junior School for their volunteering section.



## GARDENING CLUB NEWS

We got off to a cracking start in the nature garden with a team effort to prune the buddleia and cut down the spent sunflowers (the seeds have already been eaten by our resident squirrels and a flock of parakeets). The stems were then used to create our first 'dead hedge' which will create shelter for hibernating insects over winter. Teasel, kindly donated by a member of the public (plant donations are always welcome!), was also planted. Teasel is a fantastic plant providing nectar for pollinators and seeds for finches. Next week we hope to be out around site tree planting!



## 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 next 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.

Please note:

- \* all bookings for Term 2 must be made through the original email invitations sent out on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October
- \* 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
- \* if your son or daughter wishes to be removed from a club completely, please email [enrichment@furzeplatt.net](mailto:enrichment@furzeplatt.net) and provide as much notice as possible to allow time for that place to be allocated to someone on the waiting list.

Thank you.

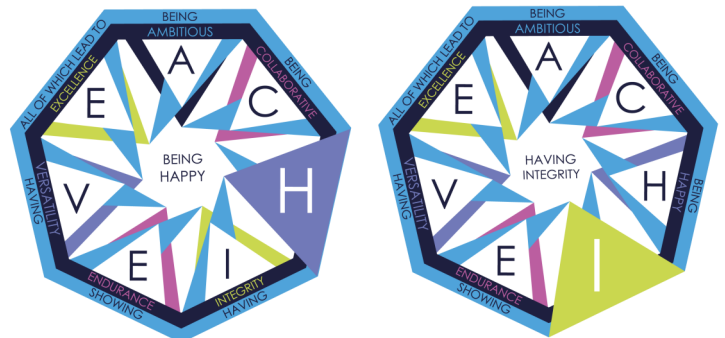
### SCHOOL CLUBS WEBPAGE



We have some fabulous facilities at Furze Plat Senior School. Recent developments include the three storey English/Science block and the state-of-the-art Theatre. We intend to provide the very best environment for students to develop, experience and ACHIEVE success. This summer we have introduced a second servery into our café and refurbished the IT suites. As you are no doubt aware, school budgets are experiencing many pressures and we do all we can to run the school efficiently, using our government funding wisely and maximising resources to deliver high quality teaching and learning. However, government funding cannot always cover the excellent facilities, resources and opportunities we strive to provide for our students. We therefore ask parents, families and friends to contribute to our ACHIEVE fund. Regular donations have paid for outdoor seating, arts and other classroom equipment, outdoor landscaping, a bike shelter and a contribution towards the grand piano in the Theatre. It is very easy to donate online via our website ( [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) under 'Parents/Payments and Donations'). We would be extremely grateful for a donation of £10/month but any amount that you choose to donate will make a difference and help us enrich the school experience for every student. The school will be able to claim gift aid on all eligible donations to increase them by 25%.

### ACHIEVE FUND

### MAKE A DONATION



## SCHOOL MEALS



Click the link below for the Furze Platt Café's delicious menu for the first 3 weeks of the term. Bon appétit!

[FURZE PLATT CAFÉ MENU](#)



## MEN'S HEALTH NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our team of legends (a.k.a. the PE Department) are raising much-needed funds for men's health this Movember. They're doing it for all the dads, brothers, sons and friends in our lives. Click on the link below to chip in and help support this worthy cause.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

We look forward to seeing those moustaches!



Contact us Email: [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net)

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

**Save the date for our next AGM: 14th January 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers

Save the date! We would like to let you know that we will be holding our AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. We will send out more information in the next couple of weeks.

### Is it too early to mention Christmas?

This year as in previous years if you order your turkey from Copas Farms they will kindly donate 5% of the order value to the PTFA. Just put in code **FPSPATA24** when ordering.

[HTTP://WWW.COPASFARMSHOP.CO.UK/](http://www.copasfarmshop.co.uk/)

Also don't forget that we are signed up to Easyfundraising and we receive online donations when you access your favourite online retailers via Easyfundraising. So if you're doing your Christmas shopping online, please sign up or re-direct your current causes to us here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

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

Add the widget to your browser so you don't forget.

Both these initiatives cost you literally nothing but earn valuable funds for the PTFA and allow us to provide more experiences and equipment for your children. Thank you for your support

Best wishes

Your PTFA



# CINDERELLA



**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW**  
**14TH - 24TH DECEMBER**  
**BAYLIS THEATRE, BRAYWICK LEISURE CENTRE, MAIDENHEAD**



# LEISURE FOCUS

FURZE PLATT LEISURE CENTRE

## JOIN US TODAY

Make a commitment to yourself in 2024. Our Single Site membership comes with brand-new perks to help you make the most of your fitness membership.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[www.leisurefocus.org.uk](http://www.leisurefocus.org.uk)

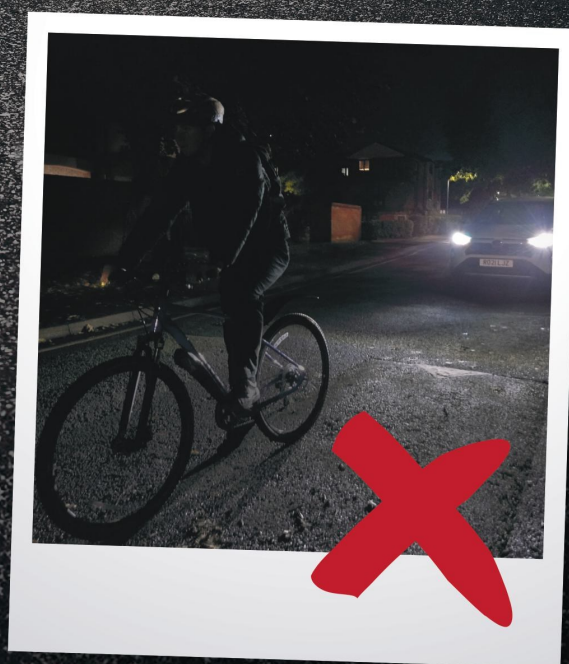


# NOW YOU SEE ME, NOW YOU DON'T

www.rbwm.gov.uk



Don't be a disappearing act this winter



## Your bike should have:

- a white light on the front, with a white reflector
- a red light on the back, with a red reflector
- amber reflectors on each pedal (spoke reflectors also helpful)

Wearing bright, high vis and reflective clothing will make you more visible on the road

More info



shg.fyi/WMUGTC

**It is a legal requirement to make sure you ride with the correct lights when it is dark**





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>