

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #75.11



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

House Assemblies and Competitions

It has been lovely to see students meeting in their Houses over the last fortnight. Heads of House have been highlighting individuals and groups who are massively contributing to the House ethos. It has been great to see how our House system enables students to show their leadership qualities and bring their talents to light within and beyond the classroom.



Many congratulations to all our students who participated in the Inter-House Football tournaments this week. Competition was fierce, but fair, and it was great to see House rivalries on display. A particular thanks to our Sports Leaders and staff for organising these events.

Year 10 Parent and Student Consultation Evening

Thank you also to parents, carers and students who attended on Thursday. Following the PPEs it was good to catch up and help students identify areas to improve in future exams, starting with their English PPE next week.

Upcoming Exams

For those in Year 11 and 13 about to sit exams, they have three school weeks and the Easter holiday before the exam season begins. Good luck to students with their revision. A particular best wishes to Year 11 for their Biology PPE on Monday and Year 13 in preparation for their assessed Drama performance.

Eid al-Fitr

Finally, I would like to send best wishes to all members of our community who are celebrating Eid al-Fitr next week. I hope that you have a wonderful celebration.

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT WEEK (Week 1)

ALL EVENTS

WED 2 APRIL	Spring Concert	7-9pm
FRI 4 APRIL	End of Term 4	12.30pm finish
SAT 5 - SAT 12 APRIL	Ski Trip to La Thuile, Italy	
TUE 22 APRIL	Start of Term 5	

SCHOOL TERM DATES



YR11, 12 & 13 REPORTS

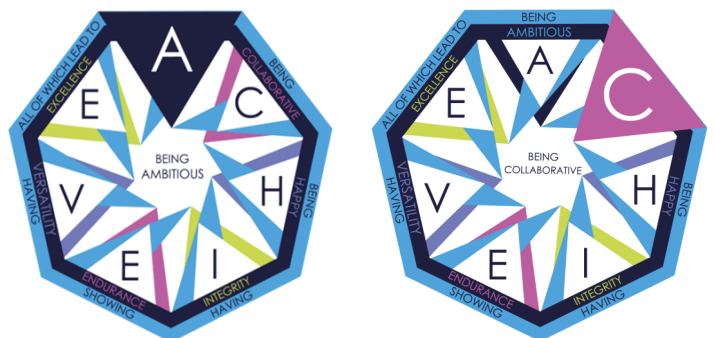
The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools.

The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

VIEW REPORTS



PHYSICS OLYMPIAD MEDALLISTS



Congratulations to the following Year 13 students who achieved awards at this year's Physics Olympiad.

The group showed great ambition and resilience to tackle some of the hardest problems available to A-level students, some of which normally belong on a Physics degree.



Lily Gibson, George Terry, Musa Ali (all Bronze), Connor Webb (Silver)

We were able to present their awards at CERN, a fitting venue for their achievement. Well done!

EID AL-FITR



We understand that the Muslim community in Maidenhead are awaiting confirmation of the day that Eid al-Fitr is to be celebrated.

If you will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr on Monday 31st March and your child is taking part in this religious observation, we ask that you kindly inform the school of their absence, as soon as the day is confirmed.

Please report all absences via your Class Chart account (through the app or through the website):

[CLASS CHARTS: REPORT ABSENCE](#)

,or via email to:

ATTENDANCESUPPORTTEAM@FURZEPLATT.NET

Eid Fitr Saeed - to all families celebrating next week.

YEAR 11 EASTER 2025 HOLIDAY REVISION PROGRAMME – BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS



Please complete the Microsoft booking form here –

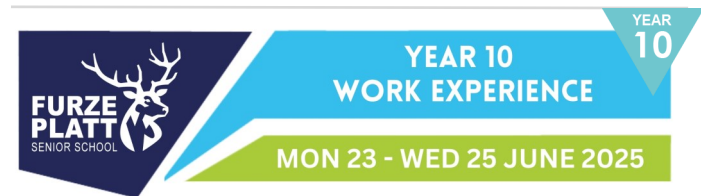
[BOOKING FORM](#)

Parentmail administration fee payment link -

[CLICK TO PAY ADMINISTRATION FEE](#)

All bookings and payments (£30 flat administration fee per student) need to be made by 9am on Friday 4th April.

[CLICK TO VIEW THE REVISION PROGRAMME](#)



Reminder that the deadline to add your placement to Unifrog is **Friday 4th April**. After this point, your placement may not be approved in time for Work Experience Week.



We are using Unifrog (www.unifrog.org) to manage the administration of the work experience programme – for example collecting information from the employer about their Risk Assessment and Health & Safety policy, as well as getting agreement from yourselves for the placement to go ahead.

Some important logistics:

- Students need to agree the placement with the employer first, and then students will get the ball rolling by adding the placement to their Unifrog account (they will find the Placements tool on their Unifrog homepage).
- The Unifrog system will then email the employer, the parent / guardian, and the school, to collect the necessary information and permissions. For the process to work, it is **essential** that students add the initial information about the placement accurately.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT...

WORKEXP@FURZEPLATT.NET

WORK EXPERIENCE —YEAR 10

A reminder of the upcoming deadline to apply for your child's Work Experience if they are in Year 10. The work experience will run for three days, from Monday 23rd June – Wednesday 25th June 2025.

During this period all Year 10 students will be off site attending the workplace of their host employer. Students who do not secure an appropriate work experience placement will be expected in school on these dates for a bespoke programme. A reminder if below of how to apply. Please ensure your child has applied by the deadline of Friday 4th April 2025, after this point we cannot guarantee your child's placement will be approved in time for work experience week.

Students (and their families) should source their own work experience placements. We are using Unifrog (www.unifrog.org) to manage the administration of the work experience programme – for example collecting information from the employer about their Risk Assessment and Health & Safety policy, as well as getting agreement from yourselves for the placement to go ahead.

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- The Unifrog system will then email the employer, the parent / guardian, and the school, to collect the necessary information and permissions. For the process to work, it is essential that students add the initial information about the placement accurately.
- Safeguarding our pupils is of the upmost importance. For this reason, work experience will not be approved in placements where there is only one employee. Students should be in a placement where there are multiple adults present at all times. The school holds the final right to approve or decline a work experience placement and may do so if a placement is felt to not meet the safeguarding, health and safety, liability insurance or educational needs of a young person. The school will inform parents/carers if they feel it is necessary to share any Special Educational Needs or Safeguarding information with an employer, in order to ensure a child's needs can be met.
- Pupils will receive training on safeguarding themselves whilst in placement, along with how to get the most out of their work experience, expectations etc.

Finding out more:

Unifrog have created a set of guides about placements which you can find here.

Within this set of guides, this is the best one to start with (it includes a short animation of how the whole process works).

Next we recommend looking at this one, because it includes advice on how to find a placement.

We will deliver training to students on using Unifrog. Students may wish to wait until this training has happened, before submitting their application.

Next steps:

Please read the placement guides on Unifrog, and then start contacting possible hosts for the placement

If you have any questions, contact workexperience@furzeplatt.net

WWW.UNIFROG.ORG

Best wishes

Miss L Stirling (Careers Link) and Miss L Lewis (Deputy Headteacher)

SPRING CONCERT - WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 7PM

This special event is a celebration of music, showcasing performances by our talented students. Admission: £5 Adults, £3 Children (18 & Under), Free for under 2. Refreshments available too!

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK TICKETS](#)



FURZE PLATT KITCHEN

Please find the latest school menu on the link below.

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR MENU](#)

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

FITNESS CLUB

The Fitness Club pushed through every challenge this week, making full use of all kinds of resistance! Check out our school clubs and get your child involved!



INTERHOUSE IN THE SUNSHINE

Excitement is in the air as Interhouse hit the ground running this week with thrilling 11-a-side football matches! Our students showcased skill, teamwork, and determination on the pitch—what a way to start the competition. Thank you to our amazing



SIZZLING BURGERS

Amazing burgers from our Year 9s this morning making bun and burger from scratch. Congratulations Year 9!

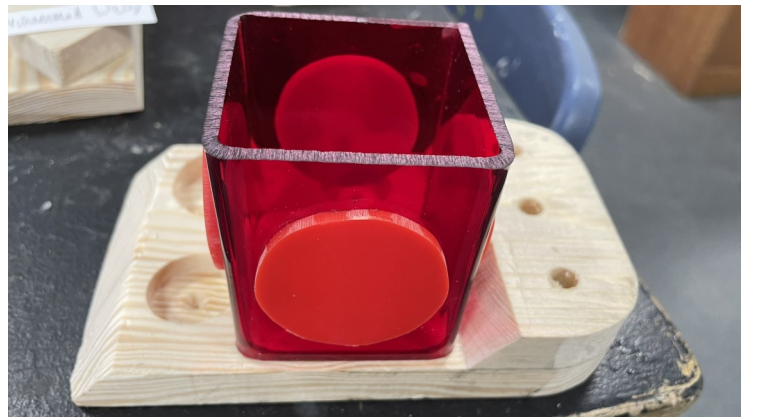


ENGINEERING PRACTICAL

Great to see Mrs Barnes' engineering group bringing creativity to life with their impressive copper lamps! Hands-on learning at its finest—building skills, confidence, and a passion for innovation.



Mrs Owens' KS3 class was thrilled with their fantastic outcomes for the Desk Tidy Project! Great to see their hard work and creativity shine.





FPSS CURRENT VACANCIES

Please see below for a list of our current vacancies. If there are no suitable roles at present and you wish to join our talent pool, please visit our Careers Page on My New Term and we will review your application.

Pastoral Manager

EDV/2025/FPSS/10053

Join our well established pastoral team to work alongside a Head of Progress who will be managing a specific year group to provide early intervention, support and guidance to improve outcomes for...

- 📍 Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ
- 🕒 Permanent | Full-Time
- 💰 £28,193.00 - £30,126.00 Annually (Actual)



Apply Now

New • Apply by Midday, Tuesday 1st Apr, 2025 • Job start: April 2025

Site Manager

EDV/2025/FPSS/16682

Experienced Site Manager Wanted! Join Furze Platt Senior School to help maintain a safe, secure, and well-presented learning environment. Use your skills in maintenance, security, and site...

- 📍 Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ
- 🕒 Permanent | Full-Time
- 💰 £29,789.00 - £30,771.00 Annually (FTE)



Apply Now

10 Days Remaining • Apply by 09:00am, Monday 7th Apr, 2025 • Job start: ASAP • Driving licence required

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)



**Tuesday 1st & Wednesday
2nd April 2025**

**Break 1 & 2 in
GEN3, H1**

**Lots of Cakes £1.50 Per Cake
Cash & Card Accepted!**



GEN3



H1



LEISURE FOCUS
OPERATING AGENT FOR

GRAND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
SAVE THE DATE
4TH - 6TH APRIL 2025

SCAN

COMIC CON

KIDS BUMPERCARZ & TRAMPOLINES

LIVE GYM DJ

POP-UP FARM

WOD XL

POOL PARTY

FREE MIDDLE DISTANCE COACHING
WITH TOP ENGLAND ATHLETICS COACHES

LOVE RUNNING? GET IN TOUCH

INSTAGRAM @PBRACINGSQUAD

PB RACING SQUAD

pbracingsquad@gmail.com
07703 534030
Year 5 upwards

Marlow Athletics Track, SL7
Tues 5.15-5.45pm (development)
Tues 5.30-7pm (advanced)

Thurs/Sat/Sun:
other local venues

TRACK CROSS COUNTRY ROAD RELAYS

2 FREE TASTER SESSIONS FOR FPSS STUDENTS



ECO Action

for Windsor and Maidenhead

A volunteer-led community helping to address the climate and biodiversity crisis at a local level.

We help and inspire people, youth groups & businesses in Windsor & Maidenhead to make changes to reduce carbon, restore nature, boost wellbeing & save money!

Come in and see us for:

- Help, Support and Advice
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- Repair Cafe & Library of Things
- Filling Good zero-waste shop
- Eco Cafe ... with choice of beans!
- Community Space & more ...

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**EASTER TERM BREAK
TASTER SESSIONS
TEEN PILATES**

AGE 13 -16

April 10th & 17th
DAY: THURSDAY
TIME: 3.30 - 4.20pm
TIME: 4.40 - 5.30pm
VENUE: ST PETERS CHURCH, FURZE PLATT, SL6 7QU

Mixed and Girls only sessions

ONLY 8 SPACES PER CLASS

WWW.GOFigurePT.CO.UK

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)



ECO Action Hub
The Main Atrium
Nicholson's Centre
Maidenhead SL6 1LB

Our opening times (with Filling Good)
Tues - Sat: 10am - 5pm
Sun: 11:30am - 3:30pm



By the community, for the community
Registered Charity Number 1210873

Mother's Days

Braywick Nurseries: Saturday 29th March Making a Mother's Day Planter

Family workshop for all ages

**Come and make a special planted gift to take home
with you, which you can personalise too!**

**Please bring gardening gloves and wear casual
clothing.**

**This workshop will last up to 1 hour, and adults are
requested to stay to supervise children.**

£12 per person – limited spaces available.

Bookings via Eventbrite:

**[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/braywick-plant-
nurseries-98842359911](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/braywick-plant-nurseries-98842359911)**

**More workshops will be taking place this year at
Braywick Plant Nurseries, with all workshops, shop
offers and community work shared on our Facebook,
Instagram and website.**