

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #75.9



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,



Progressing to the Next Stage

The Spring Term is marked by lots of preparation for the next steps in our students' lives. As a school we have heard that we are once more oversubscribed with Year 7 students in September.

Our Year 9 students are in the process of completing their Options choices. Our Year 11 are applying for their Sixth Form and College places while our Year 13 are applying for university, apprenticeships and employment.

Preparing students for the next stage in life takes a considerable effort on the part of parents, carers and FPSS staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, but especially our students, for their positive approach to their futures.

Year 8 Parent and Student Consultation Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended on Thursday. It was great to see so many of you. I look forward to seeing the conversations help support students in their studies.

We look forward to seeing our Year 10 parents and carers, along with students, for their consultation evening on Thursday 27th March (further details on page 2).

Upcoming Exams and PPEs

Every week at this time of year is full of preparation for the summer examinations or actual marked practical exams. Good luck next week to our Year 11 students with their Drama performances, as well as English and Maths PPEs.

Take care,

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT WEEK (Week 1)

ALL EVENTS

WED 19 MARCH	Costa Rica Information Evening	6pm
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THUR 27 MARCH	Year 10 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	3.45pm - 7.45pm
WED 2 APRIL	Spring Concert	7-9pm
FRI 4 APRIL	End of Term 4	9.15am start
SAT 5 - SAT 12 APRIL	Ski Trip to La Thuile, Italy	
TUE 22 APRIL	Start of Term 5	

SCHOOL TERM DATES

INTEGRITY WINNERS FORTNIGHT 1

Individuals - Whole School

Overall Winner: Year 7 Dylan Nkrumah (7KAS)

Year 9 – Oliver Lotherington (9TAS)

Year 8 – Toby Mastrilli (8KEB)

Year 10 – Samuel Patten (10ACG)

Year 11 – Piper Webb (11PEB)

Sixth Form – Ralph Eade (6CEA)

Tutor Groups - Whole School

Overall Winning Tutor Group: 7KAS

8GCD

9TAS

10ACG

11PEB

6MNW



YEAR 10 PARENTS & STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING



On Thursday 27th March there will be an opportunity for the parents/carers of Year 10 students 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 18th March and will close on Thursday 27th March at 2pm. Further details will be sent out via ParentMail. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 27th March.

Best wishes,

Miss Rebecca Lake (NPQH)

Deputy Headteacher



'How You Can Support Your Child During Exams' Tuesday 25th March 6-7pm

Elevate Education will be hosting their next parent webinar on supporting your child during exams on Tuesday 25th March.

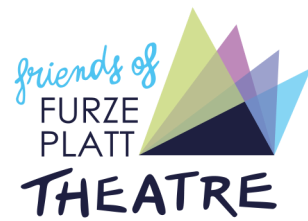
Parents and carers can sign up for the session below to learn how you can improve your child's exam performance by helping them to establish a good routine in the run-up to an assessment.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FREE](#)

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

- * Helping your child prepare in the week before an exam
- * Establishing a good routine for your child the night before
- * Helping your child to optimise their exam performance

Parents and carers can also access a range of resources via the link including an Exam Planner, Webinar recordings and 1:1 coaching programmes designed to improve confidence and study skills.



'WE'VE GOT IT COVERED' LIVE CHARITY GIG IN AID OF THAMES HOSPICE - FRIDAY 2ND MAY, FPSS THEATRE 7PM - 11PM

Put on your dancing shoes and come and enjoy a fantastic evening of music from across the decades with Panic Lounge and Crazy Donkey. And it's all for charity! Every penny from every ticket AND all bar profits will go directly to Thames Hospice.

Venue capacity is limited, so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

We will have a street food van and an alcohol licence. Tokens for these can also be purchased via the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK TICKETS](#)

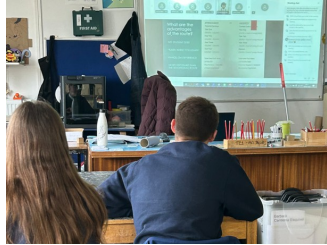


AROUND SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

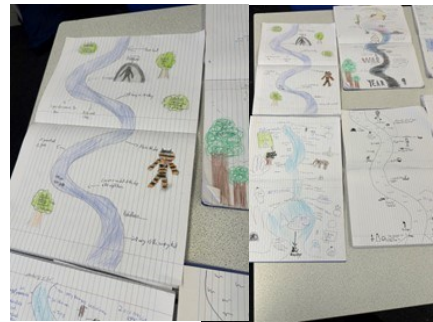
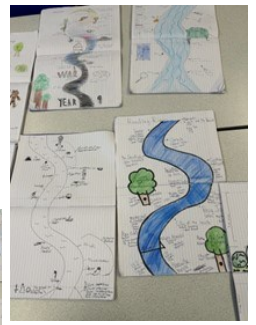
Year 10 students had a fascinating session live-streamed into their PSHE lesson on Monday to discuss apprenticeships via ASK - The Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for schools



This included the process of gaining an apprenticeship, levels, pay etc plus a talk from an apprentice completing a degree apprenticeship to become a solicitor.



Continuing the theme of World Book Day, great work from one of Mr Brown's Year 9 English classes, creating amazing Reading Rivers to celebrate the written word.

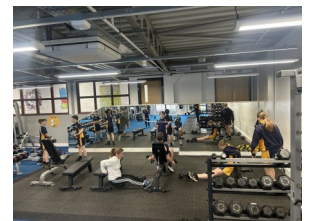
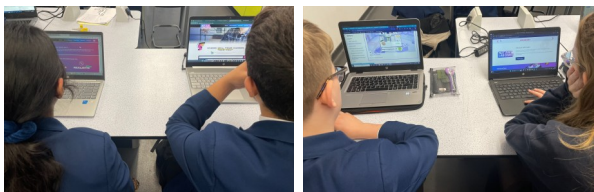


Moving from the classroom to our PE Department...

Students (below) collaborated in Animal Flow as they devised their own flow routine while partners fed back to them; and more collaboration challenges were set as students were required to score and umpire their own volleyball matches with integrity, whilst Toby Mastrilli (Year 8) is pictured diving for his best save in handball.

NOT JUST LAB COATS

Next up, as part of National Careers Week, some of our ambitious Year 8 scientists explored careers in science as part of their personal development. Check out www.notjustlabcoats.co.uk with your child to learn more!



Continuing on to English, it was great listening to Mr Greenhalgh's Year 7 class deliver their book review speeches as part of World Book Day, demonstrating our school value of Excellence throughout. Well done to all the students for their fantastic presentations!



Our early Morning Fitness Club started Wednesday off with an arm workout. Mr Gill and Mr Corbett's Year 9 PE class tried out a new method of training - resistance / weight training with their own individual goals, and students have designed their own training sessions in lesson. Finally, it never pays to bet against a rugby challenge with Mr Gill - young Scot Will Hayward was required to wear an England top for one lesson!



TRIP TO COSTA RICA FOR

CURRENT YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS

Information Evening: Wednesday 19th March at 6pm



We will be running a trip to Costa Rica in the summer of 2026 for **current Year 10 and 11 students**, these students will then be in Year 11 and 12 when the trip departs.

We are again partnering with Flooglebinder, a travel and conservation company. They are the first B-Corp certified travel company and are experts in delivering educational programmes that create change for people and the planet.

During your 14-day immersive jungle experience, looking at conservation, sustainability and biodiversity, you'll have the chance to venture where rainforest meets the sea and discover all things tropical. Plus, you'll further your knowledge of the Sustainable Development Goals that align with this project, as well as gain a deeper understanding of your own social and environmental impact.

Given the school's own sustainable trip targets, we are confident that this trip can provide the students with an unforgettable experience while ensuring minimal social and environmental impact on the ecosystem. Costa Rica here we come!

To find out more about the trip and the itinerary follow the link below.

<https://flooglebinder.co.uk/costa-rica-furze-platt-26>

Password: costarica

The 14-day trip will depart in July 2026, dates to be confirmed. The total cost of the project is £3850.

If you would like to find out more about this exciting opportunity, we will be running a parents information evening, with Flooglebinder on **Wednesday 19th March 2025** in the school theatre. If you are going to attend the information evening, please fill in the short form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/VEsAjskquj>

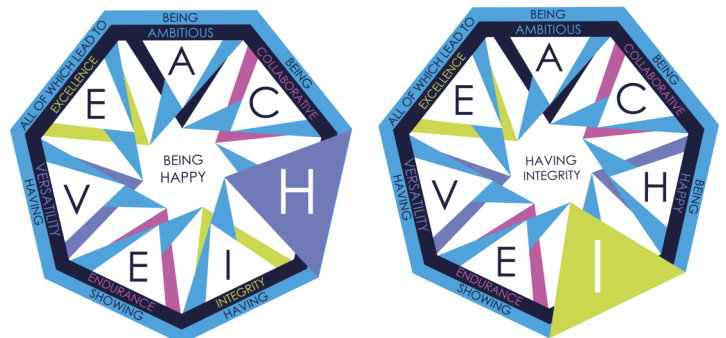
There will be a detailed presentation regarding the trip and the opportunity for students and parents to ask questions. You will also be given details of how to apply for a place on this experience of a lifetime.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Your sincerely,

Mr D Randall / Mr J Wellard-Jeffs

Outdoor Education and Enrichment Coordinators



SCHOOL CLUBS - TERM 4



A list of clubs is updated each week on our website. Clubs for next term (Term 5) will be sent out to parents, carers and students on Friday 4th April.

[CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO OUR WEEKLY CLUBS LIST](#)

EQUIPMENT & PUNCTUALITY



We kindly ask you to take a moment to ensure your child is well-equipped for their learning. It is crucial that your child arrives at school prepared with a complete pencil case containing pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, sharpener, and a scientific calculator. Additionally, please ensure they bring their laptop along with its charger, enabling them to fully engage in their learning activities.

Arriving on the school site no later than 8:35 am is crucial to instilling punctuality in your child's routine.

Your support in reinforcing positive routines and habits for your child's learning journey is invaluable. Together, we can ensure they have the tools they need to thrive academically and make the most of their educational experience.

Thank you once again for your continued support and cooperation.

Warm regards,

Ms R Lake, Deputy Headteacher

SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



It was wonderful to see our Year 10 Silver DofE students working together on Saturday morning, demonstrating our values of collaboration and happiness during their training day. A big thank you to Mr Randall, our DofE Expeditions Leader, for his time and support.



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE DofE](#)

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



I would like to invite you to attend an online Teams call with Angela Wallace from the DofE.

The purpose of this call is to support students with logging into EDofE accounts to record activities, help identify suitable activities for each section and talk you through how to obtain assessor reports.

By the end of the meeting, students are expected to have entered their activities onto EDofE and have an understanding as to how to obtain assessor reports to complete each section.

This will take place on Thursday 20th March from 6pm - the link is below.

[CLICK HERE FOR LINK TO ONLINE TEAMS CALL](#)

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that I am available during break 1 in TE2 if students need any support. In addition, there is now a DofE tab on FP cloud for students, under 'Core Information for Students', containing resources to help complete your award. Parents can access any information on the DofE page on the school website.

Angela and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

In addition, on page 7 of this newsletter you can see further volunteering opportunities from ECO Action volunteering.

More information about them can be found on www.ecoactionhub.co.uk Instagram & Facebook @ecoactionhub

Please email ecoactionrbwm@gmail.com for the attention of Caroline if students would like to volunteer with them.

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager



FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL



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

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

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



GEN3



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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!

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- Repair Cafe & Library of Things
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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



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Working together to: **Reduce Carbon, Increase Nature, and Boost Wellbeing!**

ECO ACTION HELP SERVICES

Here to help with every step of your journey: reducing carbon, increasing nature, boosting wellbeing & especially saving money.

DRAUGHTBUSTERS

We fix your drafts for **FREE** to help keep you warmer & save you money.

REPAIR CAFE

Get items repaired for **FREE** at the ever-popular Repair Cafe.

SEED & SEEDLING SWAPS

Exchange seeds and learn about growing your own food.

EVENTS TALKS LEAFLETS

All to help you, covering a wide range of sustainability topics.

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Borrow useful items from us rather than having to buy them!

TERRACYCLE

You can drop off a wide range of items for **FREE** which can't go in the normal recycling.

COMMUNITY SPACE

Available to use & hire. Already with "Clean Conscience" & upcycled furniture for sale

YOUTH & COMMUNITY

We work with local community & youth groups including: DofE, Schools, Scouts, Guides, ...

ECO CAFE

Great "bean-to-cup" coffee from a choice of local supplier beans! Chocolate brownies from "Great Taste" awarded local Epic Brownies!

Let us help you to make a difference: Lots more ideas in the Hub and on our Website to inspire you.

Be a part of ECO Action in Windsor & Maidenhead!



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4TH - 6TH APRIL 2025

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LIVE GYM DJ

POP-UP FARM

WOD XL

POOL PARTY

EARLY BIRD TICKETS £15

ABBA
ABBA RE-BJÖRN LIVE

ULTIMATE DISCO NIGHT

FRI 21ST MARCH - 7PM-11PM

Experience the UK's ultimate ABBA tribute, ABBA Re-Björn Live, performing at the Baylis Theatre, Braywick Leisure Centre.

Get ready to dance the night away to your favourite ABBA hits and supporting disco DJs spinning decade hopping hits!

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