

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #52.10



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF 'FURZE PLATT'S REVOLTING RHYMES'



I am writing to inform you of some important dates and information on how you can purchase tickets. The performance will take place in the Drama Studio on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July at 7pm. Tickets can now be purchased via The Little Box Office at TheLittleBoxOffice.com/furzeplatt which can be accessed via the school website or using the link provided below.

Tickets cost £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Please note the following dates:

Monday 3rd July rehearsals – Period 4, 5, & 6.

Wednesday 5th July rehearsals – To be confirmed

On the days of the performance, students will need to be in school at 5.30pm on the Wednesday and 6pm on Thursday.

I would like to thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at the performances.

Miss E Satterthwaite, Teacher of Drama

[LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION LETTER](#)

[BUY TICKETS](#)

EXAMS



This week saw the final A-Level exams being taken, which now brings this year's GCSE and A-Level exams to an end.

Next week we begin the Year 10 PPEs, please ensure students have a black pen, pencil and eraser as part of their exam stationery (plus a calculator for the maths exam). Pencil cases need to be transparent and students are allowed to take a water bottle in but the label must be removed. Students will be asked to hand in their phones and any other electronic devices prior to the exams. We



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

Next Week (Week 1)

SUN 2 JULY	Year 12 Trip to Nettlecombe	Return Wed 5 th July
MON 3 JULY	Year 5 Open Morning	9am - 1pm
MON 3 JULY	Parents' Community Group Meeting	6pm - 7pm
WED 5 & THU 6 JULY	Lower School Production - Furze Platt's Revolting Rhymes	Room DS1 - 7pm
WED 5 - FRI 7 JULY	Year 12 Taster Days	All Day
SUN 9 JULY	PTFA Indoor Car Boot Sale (7.30am arrival for sellers)	9am - 12pm

Forthcoming Events

TUE 11 JULY	Year 10 - University Visit	
THU 13 & FRI 14 JULY	Business Studies Trip to Thorpe Park	6pm - 7pm
FRI 14 JULY	Art Trip to Oxford	All Day
FRI 14 - SUN 16 JULY	Year 10 Three Peaks Expedition	

wish them all the very best of luck.

SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE

Unfortunately there has been a significant drop in the standards of Sixth Form Student's dress code

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recently, especially amongst some of the young ladies. Please can I request that the following items of clothing, listed below, are, under no circumstances, allowed to be worn by students at school.

- Hoodies of any sort, even under smart jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Trainers or Stiletto high heels
- Leggings or Jeggings
- Jeans/Denim trousers (anything with pockets on the outside as a rough guide)
- Short skirts, Jersey stretch style skirts
- Shorts (of any kind)
- See-through tops/chiffon blouse without top underneath
- Crop tops anything with thin straps, that exposes shoulders
- Low cut tops
- Slouchy big jumpers (that do not fit under a blazer)

Dress code:

Male: Smart shoes, smart trousers, shirt, tie and jacket.

Female: Smart shoes, smart trousers, skirt appropriate length, blouse or smart shirt, jacket. Skirts should not be too short and tops not too low.

Please be aware that any student not adhering to this Sixth Form Dress Code from next week will be sent home to change.

We once again thank you for your support.

Mr J Dollery, Head of Sixth Form

PSYCHOLOGY TEXTBOOKS AND REVISION GUIDES

Year 12 and 13 students must return any resources (textbooks and purple revision guides) to us before the summer starts. This applies equally to Year 13 (who have finished their exams) and to Year 12s who will continue their course but still must return the resources for us to count and check condition. Another set of resources will be issued in September.

Miss R Paradowska, Head of Psychology and Child Development



LEAVERS' EVENTS



The Maidenhead Advertiser visited our Year 11 Graduation Ceremony last week and this is the article that appeared in the Maidenhead Advertiser this week:



MAYOR PRESENTS CERTIFICATES TO 'EXCEPTIONAL' YEAR OF STUDENTS

'A graduation ceremony to celebrate the 'exceptional' contribution of Furze Platt Senior School's Year 11 students was held on Wednesday, June 21.

On what was one of the hottest days of the year, the ceremony was deemed a great success.

A total of 190 students received certificates to mark the end of their compulsory education, although the vast majority will be returning to the Furze Platt Sixth Form in September.

The leaving certificates were presented by the Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead, Cllr John Lenton who joined parents in expressing how impressed he was with the students and the achievements of the school.

Glen Bown, Deputy Headteacher, said: "These young people have worked exceptionally hard studying for their examinations and expectations are high for a bumper crop of GCSEs in August."



Year 11 Graduation was followed by the Year 11 Prom, which took place on Thursday 22nd June at Windsor

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Racecourse. Photos of the Year 11 Prom are now available to Year 11 students from the links provided

YEAR 11 PROM PHOTOS

below.

Year 13 Prom also took place at Lillybrooke Manor, Cox Green on Thursday 29th June.



All wonderful leaver events were well attended with everyone looking very smart.

ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY - END OF YEAR SHOW 2017



Over 150 of Furze Platt's talented art students exhibited their work at our annual Art Show this week.

Well done to all involved - please see a selection of their work below.



ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY SHOW 2017 GALLERY

FIRST PLACE FOR FURZE PLATT'S YEAR 10 GIRLS



Over one hundred staff and students attended the Berkshire Schools District Athletics Championships on Monday 26th June. All students competed really well especially our Year 10 girls who finished in first place.

The winning Year 10 girls' team:

Lucy Thornton

Beth Murray

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Orla Brennan
Imogen Shaw
Hollie O'Neill
Hannah Atkins
Emily Bristow
Molly Sammes

Ife Ogidan
Charlotte Williams
Georgia Mead
Grace Campbell
Georgina Woodcock
Kitty Cogswell



Bronze Year 9

Andreas Bohdjalian
Josh Bond
Zac Hudson- Clark
Tom Cullum
Daniel J Webb
Luke Leaver
Harrison Bryant
Jake Bucket
Will Sapstead
Chloe Ducellier
Ellie Brewis
Rhiannon Williams
Lauren Bryant
Aqsa Fatima
Hannah Parkman
Aimee Elson
Shannon Doyle

Silver Year 12

Azida Fernandes
Shannon Carpenter
Will Parsons
Dan Hazel
George Jensen
Jack Shine
Aran Wellman
Keisha Carty
John Conacher
Samantha Coombs
Olivia Flood
Ben Stepney
Jonathan Otun
Tom Schilling

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



Bronze Year 10

Umar Aziz
Max Welland- Billam
Sam Kirkaldie
Frazer Finlan
Jay Paine
Bradley Stone



Students working towards their Bronze & Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards collected some sectional certificates for their achievements during this academic year. The students completed a range of activities to complete their sections including an expedition, making a bird table, cooking and learning to drive for the skills section, pastoral and maths mentoring, morning reading and helping at food share for their volunteering section, and street dance, badminton, hockey, fitness and rugby for their physical section.

Congratulations to all those taking part, and thank you to staff who have helped to support these students complete some of their sections.



FURZE PLATT STUDENTS SEE ENGLISH WORK PUBLISHED FOR NATIONAL WRITING DAY

Many congratulations to all our English writing students who participated in 'Let Them Loose', a creative writing initiative to celebrate National Writing Day on 21st June.

Year 7

Samia Alami-Chaoui
Alexia Popa
Georgie Moore
Edward Stroud
James Scott
Arian Smith
Erin Huddleston
Chantelle Gates
Francesca Dale
Georgia Rooney

Year 8

Arun Blundell
Claire O'Brien
Daisy Harris
Megan Dixon
Stuart Johnstone

Year 9

Katerina Despiniadis
Rajveer Notay

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Year 7

Jess Malone
Lara Torok
Lloyd Hunat
Maya Ciesielska
Oliver James
Samuel Mizik
Phoebe Austin
Sid Baker-Smith

Year 10

Gemma Higley

Work from the students named above were selected and uploaded and can be found the following ways:

- On Twitter scroll through the [@EngMediaCentre](#) feed or search using the hashtags [#EMCLetThemLoose](#).
- On Instagram gallery here: <https://www.instagram.com/englishandmediacentre/>.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOLS COMBINED EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS – KINGSTON 24TH/25TH JUNE

Harrison Thorne was one of the four members of the Berkshire Inter Boys team which won the team event in Kingston.

This means Harrison goes through to represent Berkshire at the National CE Finals in September.

Well done Harrison.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAIDENHEAD CYCLE HUB

Roger Wayte, from Maidenhead Cycle Hub, has been carrying out bike checks for students who regularly ride to school.



Roger checked the bikes on site and gave students an advisory note at the end of the day, letting them know of

work which needed to be done to make the bike safe for riding. Students could then make independent arrangements through the Cycle Hub's website to have the work completed.

Thanks to Roger for carrying out these free checks.

There will be more sessions taking place over the next academic year, please contact Miss D Carty, Alternative Curriculum Worker, to put your child's name on the waiting list.

FURZE PLATT TEACHER AIMS TO CLIMB 3 PEAKS IN 24 HOURS



I am going to attempt to climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon within 24 hours. My friends and I will be walking in memory of a fine man and dear friend who made a huge contribution to the success of Windsor Rugby Club and the development of many young people in the area.

I will personally be raising funds for Furze Platt Senior School's PTFA who contribute to the wider curriculum, ensuring Furze Platt Senior remains one of the best-resourced schools in the area. I am proud of the school and the young people I work with. If you would like to sponsor me please click the link below.

'How can students help?'

By bringing in as many 1p and 2p coins as they can find.

All money is for the school so whether you donate via the link or bring in your copper coins, you will be helping the school to be able to offer even better resources.

Thank you for your support and to everyone who has donated so far.

Mr G Melville, Teacher of Science

SPONSOR MR MELVILLE & RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL

YOUNG FIREFIGHTERS SCHEME



The Young Firefighters scheme, based at Maidenhead's fire station. The scheme is for young people aged 11- 17 and it offers them a chance to work in a team and develop life skills through taking part in fire and rescue service based training activities. These activities are supervised by qualified fire fighters and non-operational fire and rescue staff. The fire fighters scheme will give them the opportunity to work towards a nationally recognised qualification which will reflect their achievements on the scheme.

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Young Firefighters meet every Thursday night, during term time, between 7- 9pm, starting on Thursday 22nd September. Your child will be required to contribute £1 per week which will go towards refreshments, Christmas parties and trips.

Please return completed application forms to Miss Carty, Alternative Curriculum Worker, who will forward them on.

YOUNG FIREFIGHTERS LEAFLET

YOUNG FIREFIGHTERS APPLICATION FORM

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE SUPPORT STAFF TEAM OF AN EXTREMELY POPULAR AND EXPANDING SECONDARY SCHOOL?



Current vacancies

SPANISH LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

FOOD TECHNICIAN

SIXTH FORM LEARNING MENTOR

LEARNING MENTOR

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

SHINE OUTREACH TEAM WORKER

COVER SUPERVISOR

EASY FUNDRAISING



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Furze Platt Senior School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

easyfundraising.org.uk
feel good shopping

Help out when you check out

Collect **FREE donations** for us when you shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk



It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/furzeplattsenior/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we at Furze Platt Senior School, will be really grateful for your donations.



REMINDERS

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND



You may have seen in the news recently that schools are about to experience the first real time cuts in education costs. At Furze Platt we are always looking for ways to ensure our students have access to facilities that will further their learning and socialising here. The standard budget does not include extras that we believe are extremely important to facilitate your child's future education. Please see the letter below for further information.

Ms T White, Headteacher

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND LETTER

HOT WEATHER

Please ensure that your son/daughter comes to school with hats and sun cream for PE lessons.

Thank you.





Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ A broad, stimulating and rewarding education for girls and boys
- ▶ Outstanding academic, sporting and 'the arts' facilities
- ▶ Supportive transition activities for all our Year 7 students
- ▶ A wealth of extra-curricular interests, trips and visits



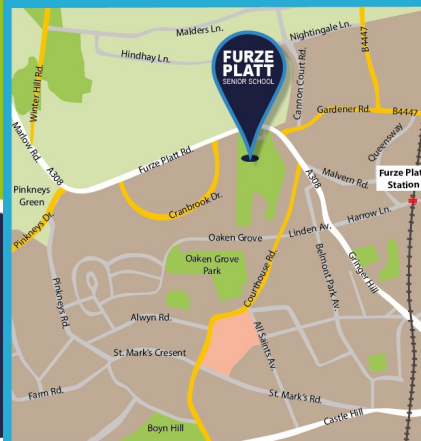
Open Morning
Monday 3rd July 2017
For Year 5 Parents*

'An increased number of pupils achieved top grades at key stage 4 [and] made very strong progress in both academic and vocational subjects. The most able make similar or greater progress than other pupils nationally.'
- Ofsted



Open Evening
Thursday 5th Oct 2017
All Welcome

How to find us:



School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2017
All Welcome*

'Pupils achieve highly at this school'
- Ofsted 2016

01628 625308 | office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com

*Please contact us to reserve a space for these events.

Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road,
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MESSAGE FROM FURZE PLATT INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

Dear Parents/Carers

The RBWM transport team and local counsellors have proposed traffic management plans aimed at making Oaken Grove road a safer place for our children and families.

The local counsellors and the principal Transport Planner have organised a short presentation to share their proposal with you and local residents.

If you would like to come along and hear about the proposal, then please join us on Wednesday 5th July at 5:00pm in the school hall - entrance via the playground please.

May I take this opportunity to thank our team of passionate parents who have been campaigning for road safety on Oaken Grove for 2 years now - hopefully we are beginning to see your hard work and dedication paying off.

Kind regards

Mike Wallace
Headteacher
Furze Platt Junior

Marjorie Clementson
Headteacher
Furze Platt Infant



INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE



Furze Platt Senior School Main Hall

**Sunday 9th
July 2017**

Time: 9am-12pm
(sellers from 7.30am, buyers from 9am)
Entry: Adults (over 16) 50p per person
Children go free

Table spaces can be booked for £10 per table by
contacting jeff@iifa.co.uk

- Bring, buy and sell your unwanted gifts, clothes, toys, books, DVDs and general jumble.
- It's like a car boot sale, but indoors without the bad weather!
- All entry and table hire money goes to the Furze Platt PTFA.



BOYNE HILL BOYS & GIRLS FC
www.bhbfc.com

“Football for players of all standards since 1993”

WE ARE RECRUITING GIRLS FOR OUR U14 & U15 TEAMS FOR SEASON 2017/18

Boyne Hill Boys Football Club was founded in 1993 but became Boyne Hill Boys & Girls FC in 2011. The club achieved the Charter Standard in 2013.

**We play in the Berkshire Girls league.
Home matches will be played (season 17/18) at Summerleaze Village SL6 8SP. Training is Monday or Thursday evenings.**

We have 2 girls-only teams and would like to hear from girls interested in joining these U14 & U15 teams.

Interested? Why not get in touch and try a training session or two with us?

DON'T DELAY – CONTACT US TODAY!

we will need to hear from you before Friday 14th July 2017 please

Email: footballhead@boynehillfc.org.uk

Website: www.boynehillfc.org.uk

www.facebook.com/groups/BoyneHillBandGFC



Learning Together

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Would you like to join the support staff team of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school?

We have the following opportunities to start in September 2017:-

Cover Supervisor – term time only, 31.25 hours per week, salary range £13,850-£15,450 depending on experience

Shine Outreach Team worker – term time only, 30 hours per week, salary range £12,350-£13,100 depending on experience

Learning Support Assistant – term time only, 30 hours per week, salary range £11,650-£12,150 depending on experience

Learning Mentor – term time only, 30 hours per week, salary range £15,200-£16,700 depending on experience

Sixth Form Learning Mentor – term time only, 18 hours per week, salary range £9,100-£10,000 depending on experience

Food Technician – term time only, 25 hours per week, salary range £10,300-£10,900 depending on experience

Spanish Language Assistant (6 hours per week) with an additional 2.5 hours a week administration – term time only, salary range £4,450-£4,750 depending on experience

For further information about these exciting roles and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com. Application forms should be returned to Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to the protection and safety of its students. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Closing date: Monday 3rd July
Interviews: week commencing 3rd July

For ages
9 - 14



From
£95*

2017

SUMMER

FUN

Monday 24th July - Friday 28th July

Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August

Monday 7th August - Friday 11th August

9 am to 3 pm

SUMMER FUN 2017

Due to the popularity of Furze Platt's annual Summer Fun, we are delighted to announce that this year's activities will run for 3 weeks.

This fabulous opportunity is open to all 9-14 year olds – come along and make new friends, play team games, interact positively with younger and older students and learn from our qualified instructors. For children in their last years at junior schools, being on site can help with the transition to secondary school and for all younger people, a chance to polish their leadership skills and have lots of fun!

Weeks 1 and 2

**Monday 24th - Friday 28th July and
Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August**

Summer Sports and Activities

We are offering a huge range of sports and activities every day plus each week you can enjoy a fantastic water day on the lake*

Including: Fencing, Raft Building, Hockey, Team Games, Basketball, Swimming, Football, Kayaking, Athletics, Softball, Badminton, Capture the Flag, Table Tennis, Paddle Boarding, Netball, Rounders and much more!

£95 per person per week
(no water day included)

£130 per person per week
(water day included)

*please note: there are limited numbers for water activities

Week 3

Monday 7th - Friday 11th August

Furze Platt's Summer Sketch Show Extravaganza

Spend a week with us and let your imagination soar. Over the week, you will have the chance to write, learn and rehearse sketches specifically designed for young performers. Supported by older students who will provide lighting, sound and all technical elements, as well as experienced Drama staff, no experience is necessary to take part. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop performance skills, as well as having a lot of fun!

£95 per person per week

There is no water day during the Sketch Show week as there will be a performance on the Friday.

CLICK HERE TO BOOK

To book, please complete the booking form online using the link above and pay online to Lloyds Bank a/c no: 42740560 sort code: 30-95-36 marked 'Summer' and your child's surname.

Participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and a packed lunch.

Concessions available.

For more information please e-mail media@furzeplatt.net or call Catherine Johnstone on 01628 625308 ext 347.