

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #53.10



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COLLECTION OF EXAM RESULTS AND CERTIFICATES

Students who could not attend the results on collection day can now download the Results Collection Form and hand it in to the Exams Office.

Certificates have to be picked up at school, students will need to come to the Exams Office to sign for their Certificates.

If they are unable to pick up Certificates in person they should fill in the Certificate Collection Form and hand it in to the Exams Office.

[CERTIFICATE COLLECTION FORM](#)

COLLECTION OF ARTWORK



All Art, Design and Technology students from Years 11, 12 and 13 (2016-2017) must collect their Art, Photography Graphics, Resistant Materials and Product Design before December 2017. All items will be recycled from January 2018. Please bring a suitable item to carry your projects home in.

A LEVEL PREPARATION: PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS

Monday 27th November - Wednesday 29th November

We are entering a very important time for Year 13s, as they prepare to excel in next summer's A Level exams. Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) are a crucial part of that preparation both testing students' progress across their different subjects and familiarising them with the rigours of exam papers and the environment of the exam hall.

Details of timings for the PPE Week are on the letter in the link below.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone (01628 625308) or email (james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net) or Mr Dollery and the Sixth Form team.

Mr J Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher

[YEAR 13 PPE LETTER AND TIMETABLE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- [ALL EVENTS](#)
- [SPORTS CALENDAR](#)
- [SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

Next Week (Week 1)

THU 23 NOVEMBER	CHEF - Careers and Higher Education Fair for Years 9-13	6pm - 8pm
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Forthcoming Events

THU 30 NOVEMBER	Year 12 Parent & Student Consultation Evening	4.30pm - 6.30pm
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PARENT & STUDENT CONSULTATION EVENING

Thursday 30th November 2017, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

On Thursday 30th November there will be a consultation evening for Year 12 parents.

We request that parents limit conversation to a maximum of five minutes with each member of staff. If you feel that you need to have a more in depth discussion, please would you make a separate appointment with the individual teacher. Attendance by your son/daughter is preferred, although not compulsory.

Parents who book up first will have the most flexibility. If you do not have easy access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Please follow the Parents' Evening Bookings link under News and Events on the school website, or click on the link below.

Appointment slots are now available to book online and will very quickly fill up. We advise you to book as soon as possible.

If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01628 625308.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mr J Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher

[BOOK APPOINTMENTS](#)

DEODORANT

We would like to remind all students and parents that spray deodorant is **not permitted** in school, primarily because it can be a health hazard. We naturally want students to remain fresh, and so recommend roll-on deodorant instead. Any spray deodorant will be immediately confiscated and, where appropriate, students will be reprimanded or sanctioned.

Mr Randall, Head of PE

PSYCHOLOGY GCSE

Thank you for the large amount of interest in Psychology GCSE. We had almost 70 students coming in for the introductory presentation on Thursday. All students have received their application letters and are kindly requested to return them by the end of next week, Friday 24th November.

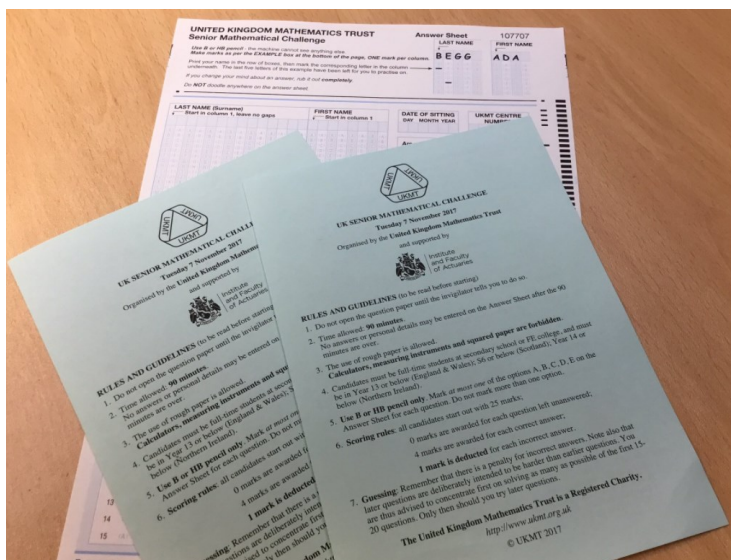
Please contact Miss Paradowska (renata.paradowska@furzeplatt.net) if you require further details.

Miss R Paradowska, Head of Psychology & Child Development

SCHOOL NEWS

SENIOR TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

Student from Years 12 and 13 took part in the Senior Maths Team Challenge this week. Great teamwork by Luc O'Kelly, Matt Ashworth, John Conacher and Jonathan Knowles.



SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS 2017

GOLD AWARD

John Conacher (Yr 13)

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SILVER AWARD

Sam Barrett (Yr 13)	84
Sterling O'Donohue (Yr 13)	84
Charlotte Gould (Yr 12)	84
William Parsons (Yr 13)	80
Olivia Flood (Yr 13)	79
Branko Borkovic (Yr 12)	79
Richard Mulvany (Yr 12)	76
Georgia Sellwood (Yr 13)	75
Jessica Matthews (Yr 12)	74
Claire Fan (Yr 13)	72
Polly Batstone (Yr 13)	72
Shukran Azmat (Yr 13)	71

BRONZE AWARD

Jonathan Knowles (Yr 13)	70
Findlay Cassels (Yr 13)	69
Chris Berger (Yr 13)	68
Benjamin Stepney (Yr 13)	68
Oliver Okonkwo (Yr 13)	67
Lewis Finnerty (Yr 12)	67
Nicholas Lattimer (Yr 13)	66
Victor Kleshnev (Yr 13)	66
Tendesai Nyerenyere (Yr 12)	66
Molly Fawcett (Yr 13)	65
Jake Eaton (Yr 13)	63
Scott Smith (Yr 13)	63
Luc O'Kelly (Yr 12)	63
Daniel Abrahamson (Yr 13)	61
Will Davies (Yr 13)	61
Tia Elstow (Yr 12)	61
Tony Wilson (Yr 13)	60
Amy Tarrant (Yr 12)	60
Jamie Wilson (Yr 12)	60
Charlotte Annereau (Yr 12)	60
Oreoluwa Ogidan (Yr 13)	59
Alexandros Bohdjalian (Yr 12)	59
Kayla Khairunnisa (Yr 12)	59
Louisa Snape (Yr 13)	58
Tom Schilling (Yr 13)	58
George Knott (Yr 12)	57
Matthew Ashworth (Yr 12)	57

CONSTRUCTION

Last week our Year 11 Construction returned to Shanly Homes' development Elva Lodge for an educational tour as the project nears completion. The students who visited the site earlier this year in June were keen to see how the site at Castle Hill – formerly the location of the Elva Lodge Hotel – had been transformed into 14 apartments.



With the show home now open, the group, who visited the site in the early stages of construction could see the finishing touches being put to the homes.



The students said, "It was nice and warm, with a great finish. We wouldn't have expected it to look how it does from when we saw them being built. It helped us to see what we could achieve from what we learn in our construction lessons."

Thanks to Shanly for organising this visit.

Miss D Carty,

BIKE HUB SESSION

Well done to Alfie Beckley, who worked with Roger from Maidenhead Cycle Hub to fix the front brakes and gears on a bike.

NETBALL FOR TWITTER?

Year 9 girls played in the RBWM netball tournament last night. All girls played excellently in 6 matches.



Red team beat Windsor Girls A.



Blue team beat Claires Court B and Windsor Girls B

SAFE DRIVE STAY ALIVE

'Safe Drive Stay Alive celebrates its 12th year in 2017 and has welcomed over 200,000 visitors since its first performances in 2006. Last year in Thames Valley and Hampshire an average of 4 young people per week were killed or seriously injured. Young drivers are much more likely to be involved in a crash on the roads, often due to inexperience and a lack of knowledge of the risks. Around 1 in 4 deaths is a young person aged 17-24.'

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Year 12 students visited the Safe Drive Stay Alive tour, which aims to influence behaviour and attitude on the roads to minimise accidents involving young drivers. All students were presented with a mobile phone case to block signals whilst driving to ensure full concentration on the road. Pictured: Benjamin Annereau



Pictured: Tom Cullum, Andreas Bohdjalian, Zac Hudson Clark, Daniel Webb, Jake Bucket, Luke Leaver & Harrison Bryant.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Great work from our Year 10 DofE students, who fundraised at Sainsbury's this week as part of their volunteering section for Maidenhead Cycle Hub.



Despite initial nervousness about speaking to members of the public, and particularly asking for donations, they were a credit to the school, and will be doing this once a fortnight until May half term.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY CUP



On Saturday 11th November, Furze Platt's Junior Boys (Years 7 and 8) competed in the English Schools XC Cup, SW regional round. The race was held at Leweston School, Sherbourne, Dorset. The boys did very well indeed, finishing 6th overall.

The athletes representing FPSS were:

Frank McGrath
Euan Russell
Edwin Isted
Callum Bleazard
Harry Holbrook
Sid Baker-Smith





EX HEAD BOY IN FINALS FOR PRESTIGIOUS IT AWARD

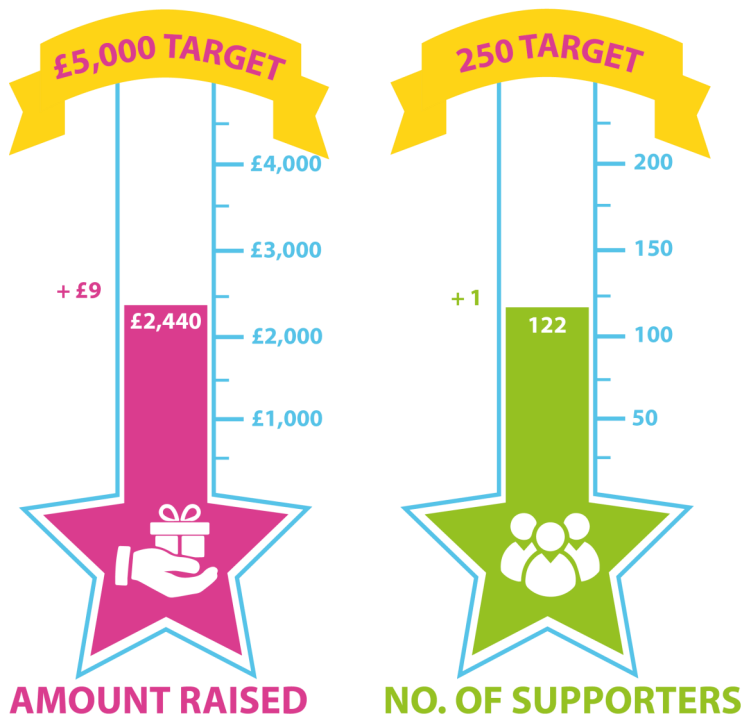
Many congratulations to Barnaby Morton-Woodruff, ex Head Boy of Furze Platt Senior School, who reached the final of the Young IT Professional of the Year Awards this week. The nomination, seen as a huge honour in the industry, is awarded to IT professionals under the age of 30, who have demonstrated outstanding commitment and achievement in their work, and stand out in their organisation as high performers in the application and management of IT. Following his time at Furze Platt, Barnaby now works at XMA as Audio Visual Manager, a national IT company who develop, deliver and maintain IT solutions.

The event, held in London, celebrated achievements for the 35th anniversary of the UK IT Industry Awards. Well done to Barnaby and we wish him all the best for the future. (Pictured, Barnaby and Mr Djaelani, Head of Dorney House)



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PTFA QUIZ



Thank you to everyone who came and supported the PTFA Quiz, which, along with the raffle, made over £750. The bar was expertly run by staff and students representing Furze Platt's Team Indonesia who made a superb profit of £440.

Many thanks to Jeff Lloyd, PTFA Chair (and Quizmaster Extraordinaire), David and Bethan Osborne who helped run the quiz, provided raffle prizes galore and made the admin of the night run smoothly. Also, big thanks to the students of Team Indonesia who assisted with the bar which was coordinated by Mr Scott and Mr Molin (with assistance from her sick bed from Dr Scott!).

The winning quiz team was 'Priti Vacant' who just held off the challenge from the 'Knights of the Rectangular Table'. 20 teams participated (a record attendance of 120 people) and the food provided by Ashridge Delicious Giant Pan



EASY FUNDRAISING

Christmas is fast approaching and we are keen for as many people as possible to join us using easyfundraising.org.uk. We have over 100 users but we need more! It does not cost you a penny more but the school benefits from each and every purchase. If you shop

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Catering was again 'exceptionelle'. Teams not only answered questions on subjects as diverse as characters from the Mr Men book series and obscure European capital cities but also had to build a tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti in 15 minutes!

Next quiz is in April 2018, we look forward to seeing you there.

200 CLUB



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Winning numbers for Draw 1

on Friday 10th November 2017:



ANNUAL PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENTS



REMINDERS

YEAR 9 YEAR 10 YEAR 11 YEAR 12 YEAR 13

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR 2017

Thursday 23rd November 6-8pm

This year our Careers and Higher Education Fair, open for all students in Years 9 to 13 and their parents, will be taking place on Thursday 23rd November from 6-8pm.

There will be over 20 universities here and around 40 stalls representing a wide variety of careers from Accountancy and Architecture to Teaching and Veterinary Science. There will also be the opportunity to attend some short talks, on the topics including the advantages of going to university, apprenticeships, careers in the law and careers in IT/Computing.

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR
DRAFT PROGRAMME

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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