



## SCHOOL NEWS

### CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR 2017

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

*'Very well organised and students and parents were engaged'*



*'Excellent once again, wonderful organisation and effort put in offering such a breadth of exhibitors. Felt very welcomed. Look forward to next year!'*



*'A really good event with excellent catering'*



### UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

#### Next Week (Week 2)

<b>SUN 26</b> NOVEMBER	Indoor Table Top Sale	9am - 12pm
<b>THU 30</b> NOVEMBER	Year 12 Parent & Student Consultation Evening	4.30pm - 6.30pm

#### Forthcoming Events

<b>WED 6</b> DECEMBER	Christmas Concert	7.30pm - 9.30pm
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*The pupils were all very polite and seemed very passionate about learning'*

'Great fair, well organised and very bright students (lovely food too!) - just one of the many positive comments following last night's Careers and Higher Education Fair at Furze Platt Senior School. Our annual Fair, organised so well by Mrs Bubb and Mr Towill, gave local and national companies a chance to show what career and training choices were on offer to students, including representatives from the law, NHS, GlaxoSmithKline, the Armed Forces, the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and many more.

Thank you to all our visitors and to staff and helpers who made the event run very smoothly. We would like to ask parents who attended this event to complete a short feedback questionnaire, we value your feedback to help us make this event even better in future.

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK**

## AN EVENING WITH AN IMMIGRANT

By Gabrielle Ford (Year 12)

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, the English Literature A-level students went to see An Evening with an Immigrant at Norden Farm to broaden our knowledge of the experience of immigration as part of our A-level literature course.

The evening was a very emotional insight into the life of Inua Ellams (poet, playwright, graphic artist and designer) who experienced huge upheaval when he moved to London in 1996, aged 12, to escape what is considered by many to be the Boko Haram territory. A loss of identification papers forced Inua and his family to 'uproot' the family again and move to Dublin while awaiting their immigration status. Shortly after he was beginning to feel as though he was fitting into the Irish culture and lifestyle, another upheaval occurred and he had to move back to London with his family



due to having received threatening messages.

Despite not having a place to call home and through the trauma that he has experienced, Inua has triumphed through his career and performed shows at the National theatre and has met the Queen for his contribution to literature.

Inua told his story through a range of vivid and captivating poems, anecdotes and stories. With sincerity and techniques from oral traditions he guided the audience into understanding the reality of what he has had to endure.

Inua explained how not feeling as though he had a country or home to belong to made him believe that home is a journey with people, rather than a destination and described himself as a global citizen. He spoke of official statistics showing the positive contribution made by those who settle in our country. Inua certainly felt that the Human Rights Charter was essential for protecting those who have to flee



from their homes under duress. He highlighted the important work of Liberty in helping people in real need.

Initially, I viewed this as an academic A level literature trip; his performance has allowed me to question what identity and belonging truly represent, what immigrants must face outside the light of the media and whether there is anything that we as individuals can do to help. Overall, the evening was a very important and inspiring journey for myself, the students and the teachers who were privileged to attend such a poignant performance.

### LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

#### French

Georgina Castignetti (Year 7)

#### Spanish

William Atkinson & Polly Clements (Year 8), Harry Shrimpton (Year 9)

#### German

Polina Sycheva (Year 8)



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### NEUROIMAGING AND NEUROSCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

There are a few places available on the Sixth Form Psychology trip to the Museum of Natural History, University of Oxford. This trip is primarily aimed at Psychology and Biology students but all Year 12 and 13 students are welcome to attend.

During the visit students will learn about the anatomy of the brain and will explore the methods of neuroimaging and neuroscience, in particular MRI and fMRI. We also hope that this visit will inspire them to consider continuing their education at university level.

The Museum has arranged for four university professors to deliver their lectures and for supportive staff to accompany us during the visit. There is no formal charge, however, a donation of £5 is suggested and will be collected by Miss Paradowska on the day – all money will be passed on to Museum officers. Students are also expected to cover the cost of the return train ticket to Oxford (approx. £20). We anticipate leaving on the 8.03am train and we shall be back in Maidenhead between 4.30pm and 6pm depending on train services available on return.

If you would like your son or daughter to participate, please return the attached slip by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Full details of the trip are in the links below.

Miss R Paradowska, Head of Psychology

### TRIP DETAILS

REPLY SLIP - DEADLINE TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



## GCSE PSYCHOLOGY

Thank you to everyone who attended our presentation regarding the additional Psychology GCSE, almost 70 students who came to hear more. Miss Paradowska will inform students of further information and starting dates.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Thank you for your interest in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. I am very pleased to let you know we have 170 students enrolled on the Bronze & Silver Awards.

Confirmation letters were sent out this week. The students have chosen their groups, and I will now start to meet with each group after school, to log them into E DofE, and to upload their programme planners.

The deadline for your child to complete their 3 month activities is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

We are keen to advertise our students' progress throughout the award. Please feel free to email me any photographs of your child completing their activities, and they may be selected to feature on our social media accounts, or in this newsletter.

The deadline for the remaining balance is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, and payments can now be made on My Little Box Office.

Please contact me at [desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net](mailto:desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net) if you have not received your confirmation letter, or if you have any questions.

Miss D Carty, Alternative Curriculum Worker

BRONZE AWARD - FINAL PAYMENT

SILVER AWARD - FINAL PAYMENT

## ALUMNI NEWS

### ALUMNI SUCCESS ON MASTERCHEF

Many congratulations to Craig Johnston, Furze Platt alum 2006-2011, who has reached the Masterchef Knockout round by creating a stunning array of dishes.

Craig, who went on to study Professional Cookery at Henley College before working at Boulter's restaurant and The Chancery Restaurant in Chancery Lane, is now Sous Chef at the Royal Oak in Paley Street.

We wish him the very best of luck.

MASTERCHEF VIDEO CLIP



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### EASY FUNDRAISING ON BLACK FRIDAY

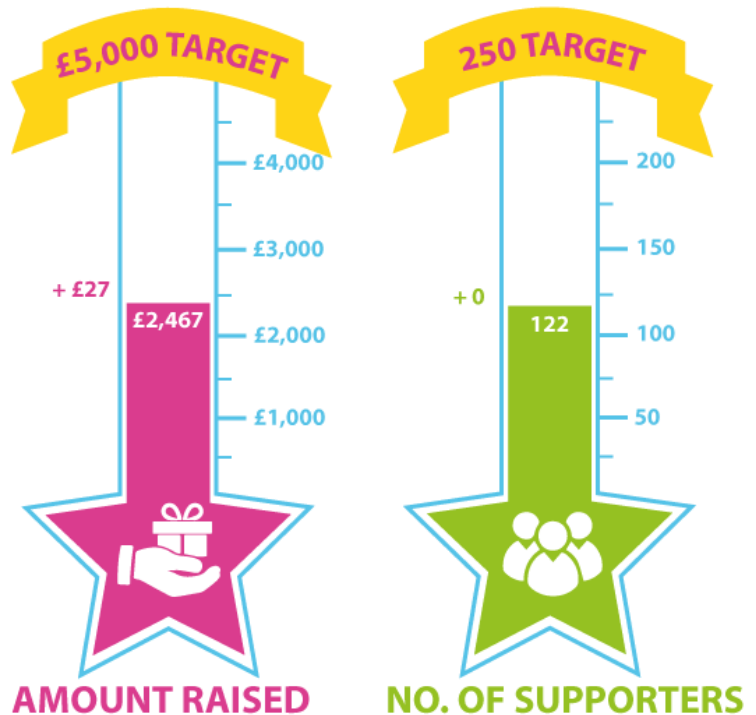


Black Friday reminder - log in to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), choose your purchases and the school gets donations via the site without it costing you another penny.

Please support us, this is an easy way for us to raise funds for our PTFA which directly benefits your children.

Thank you.

### EASY FUNDRAISING TOTALISERS





## 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 27<sup>th</sup> November - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net)) or Mr Dollery and the Sixth Form team.

Mr J Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher

**YEAR 13 PPE LETTER AND TIMETABLE**

## PARENT & STUDENT CONSULTATION EVENING

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 4.30pm - 6.30pm**

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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



## STEEL PAN WORKSHOP

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Please find information in the link below regarding the Steel Pan workshop from our Music Department.

**STEEL PAN WORKSHOP - REPLY SLIP**



# INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE



**Furze Platt Senior School Gym**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
November 2017**

**Time: 9am-12pm**

**(sellers from 7.30pm, 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](mailto: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.



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AT 11AM PROMPT  
GATES OPEN 10AM  
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE**

