

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #53.11



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2017

Wednesday 6th December, 7.30pm in the Main Hall

With less than one week until our annual Christmas concert, please visit the Box Office: <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/furzeplatt> or click the link below to buy your tickets for this festive occasion.



[BUY CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS](#)

GCSE PREPARATION – PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS

YEAR 10

Monday 15th – Friday 19th January 2018

Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) are a crucial part of our students' preparation towards excelling in their GCSEs in 2019 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 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).

Mr J Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher

[YEAR 10 PPE DETAILS AND TIMETABLE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Next Week (Week 1)

WED 6 DECEMBER	Christmas Concert (Main Hall)	7.30pm – 9.30pm
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Forthcoming Events

FRI 15 DECEMBER	End of Term 2	12.30pm finish
MON 18 DECEMBER - MON 1 JANUARY	Christmas Holidays	
TUE 2 JANUARY	INSET DAY	
WED 3 JANUARY	Start of Term 3	

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.

REPORTS



Year 12 reports have 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 Parents, then Reports or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com.

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

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

[VIEW REPORT](#)



Furze Platt Student Completes Charity Fundraiser

On October 1st Chloe King (Year 8) raised over £600 for the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation by successfully completing the 13km Maidenhead Boundary Walk.

Myotonic Dystrophy (DM) is a genetic condition which has affected two of her cousins, Max and Cordelia, who live in Sweden. Sadly, Max died in May 2016.

The Foundation is one of the leading research organisations involved in finding a cure for the disease, and helps families living with Myotonic Dystrophy by delivering comprehensive support resources, and driving research to accelerate the discovery of DM therapies.

To donate please click the link below.



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Golf Success

Well done to Charlie Hing (Year 8), of Winter Hill Golf Club, who has been called up to join the Berks, Bucks & Oxon (BB&O) U14 Golf Squad 2018.



Olympic Bakers



Francesca Dale, Chloe King and Alfie Bristow, all Year 8 and from Windsor 1, were the first to complete an event themed tutor project by baking an Olympic Cake. The group also did an interesting presentation teaching classmates about the background to the colours and rings, before everyone had a chance to try the cake which hid an explosion of Skittles!

Well done to you all.

Mr E Fraser, Head of Geography and Windsor 1 Form Tutor



YEAR 13 TRIP TO BEACONSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL



On November 17th I took a group of aspiring Year 13 students to Beaconsfield High School. The school had kindly invited us to be part of their interview carousel to support our students in their preparation for the forthcoming University interviews. Many were anxious with what the day would entail, as each student was told to thoroughly prepare for two Oxbridge-style interviews which would focus heavily on their specialist subjects and interests.



Despite the early and icy start to the morning, we arrived at Beaconsfield and were warmly welcomed by Mrs Williams, the Director of their Sixth Form, who guided our students through the school and introduced them to the Sixth Form centre. The students were handed a timetable of the day and the interviews commenced shortly after. The members of staff conducting the interviews had a range of experience and interests, many of whom studied at Oxbridge. They tailored each interview based on the students' UCAS applications and personal statements.

Each interview lasted 30 minutes, and brief feedback was given at the end of each interview. More detailed written feedback was to be provided the following week. At the end of each session, the students arrived back at the Sixth Form base with a smile on their face. I asked to students to reflect on their experience and there was an overwhelming sense of confidence and enjoyment from the process. Difficult questions were asked, but the students appreciated the genuine interest expressed by the interviewers to find out more about their specialisms. It is clear from their evaluations below, just how integral this experience was for our students:

"The most important thing I gained was more confidence, it made me realise the interview did not have to be horrible and stressful and I could actually gain something from the experience. It also made me realise the importance of taking my time to think about the question."

"It was useful to enter into an interview with someone I did not know previously as it represented how I would feel in a real interview situation."

"The opportunity was useful to practice talking ideas through with someone I had never met before. The feedback given generally on delivery and how to structure answers was very helpful and provided guidance that I had not previously

considered. I now feel like I know what to work on in order to be better prepared for the real interview."

During the lunch break the interviewers congratulated the students on their performance. The group was delighted to hear that they were strong applicants whom were clearly very prepared and enthusiastic about their subjects. The day ended with a congratulations from all, we thanked Mrs Williams and made our way back to Furze Platt. We are hoping to work more closely with Beaconsfield High School in the New Year, providing the best support and provision for our aspiring students across Furze Platt Senior School.

Ms K Inwood, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

FURZE PLATT STUDENT IS ENGLAND EMERGING ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



Mimi Gray (Year 10) has had another outstanding year competing in the England Synchronised Swimming GB Senior team. At only 14, she is one of the youngest athletes to ever be accepted into GB Seniors.

At the start of November she won the award for England Synchro Emerging Athlete of the Year by British swimming, and she also won England Talent Athlete of the Year from Swim England, alongside previous winners Tom Daley and Adam Peaty.

Last weekend was the National Championships in Gloucester and again she won all disciplines; Solo, Duet and Figures as well as being a member of the Gold winning team.

Many congratulations to Mimi on her fantastic success.

(Mimi pictured with Tom Daley, double World Diving Champion)

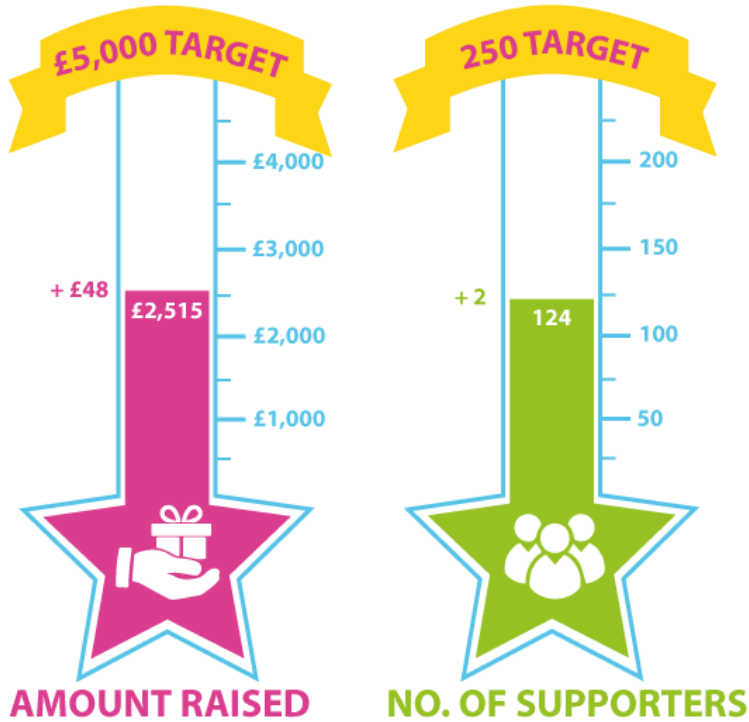




EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE

In the last 30 days donations for the school have increased by £97.83 and we have 4 new supporters – welcome to you all!

EASY FUNDRAISING TOTALISERS



The total raised so far is over £2500, thank you to everyone who has supported us so far. Remember, it doesn't cost you a penny more. Simply:

1. Log in to easyfundraising.org.uk and choose Furze Platt Senior School as your cause
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YEAR 8



STEEL PAN WORKSHOP

Wednesday 10th January

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

[STEEL PAN WORKSHOP - REPLY SLIP](#)



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 9th 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 15th December, and payments can now be made on My Little Box Office.

Please contact me at 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](#)

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Monday 29th January 2018

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Bursaries and Scholarships are available in many subjects. For further information please refer to our website or call Debbie Harding on 01628 762231.



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Christmas at Stubbings

DON'T MISS FATHER CHRISTMAS ARRIVING BY HELICOPTER ON SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER AT 11AM PROMPT GATES OPEN 10AM BOOK TICKETS ONLINE

