

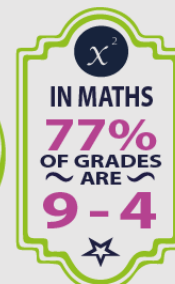
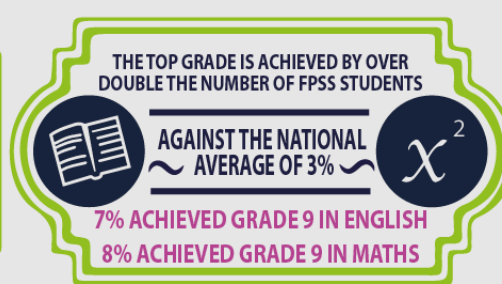
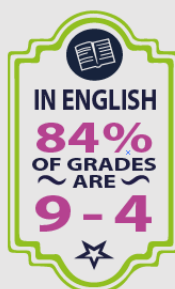
FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #53.4



2017 RESULTS

GCSE



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OPEN DAY AND INSET DAY REMINDERS

Dear Parents/Carers

Please be advised of the following school closure to prepare for Open Evening:

School will close at 12.45 pm. on Thursday 5th October 2017.

INSET day Friday 6th October 2017 (school closed to ALL students).

PTFA 200 CLUB

The PTFA will be reinstating the popular 200 Club this month with large cash prizes for the lucky winners.

With 200 numbers in play there will be 3 prizes of £400 each, and the PTFA also makes £6000 per year to help fund requests for the school, so we are keen to ensure as many numbers are sold as possible.

If you would like to join, please do click on the links below for either annual or monthly payments - it is a very easy and straightforward process. Each number costs £5 per month or an annual cost of £57 (this is for 4 draws, 1 per quarter).

[CLICK HERE TO BUY NUMBERS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN](#)

CONJURING CLUB

Conjuring Club will take place every other Wednesday (Week 2) after school from 3.20pm in Gen2. Although supervised by staff, it will be led by students so finishing times may be subject to change. Bring your own tricks!



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 1)

TUE 3 OCTOBER	School Tours (Year 5 Parents/ Students)	9.15am - 10.15am
THU 5 OCTOBER	School Tours (Year 5 Parents/ Students)	9.15am - 10.15am
	School Closes at 12.45pm	
	Whole School Open Evening	6pm - 9pm
FRI 6 OCTOBER	INSET Day	All Day
	Year 7 PGL Trip (Group 1)	Returns Sun 8 th October
SUN 8 OCTOBER	Year 13 Biology Residential Trip to Nettlecombe Court	Returns Wed 11 th October

Forthcoming Events

THU 12 OCTOBER	School Tours (Year 5 Parents/ Students)	9.15am - 10.15am
	Year 7 Heads of House Parents' Consultation Evening	5pm-8pm
FRI 13 OCTOBER	Year 7 PGL Trip (Group 2)	Returns Sun 15 th October



TRIPS AND VISITS

Here at Furze Platt we are delighted to be able to offer a number of opportunities for all our students to participate in trips and visits throughout the year.

In July, our History and Modern Foreign Language departments are offering a joint trip to the Battlefields in Belgium and France for Years 9 and 10, marking the 100th Anniversary of the 1st World War. Students will also visit a snail farm, a sweet factory and have a range of other cultural and linguistic experiences.

Students from all years with an interest in Music are able to join the Music Department for a trip to Germany, also in July. This will be a great opportunity for performers to broaden their performance experiences by participating in two concerts in different locations.

Our trips are often very popular so if you would like your child to attend, please do click below for more details.

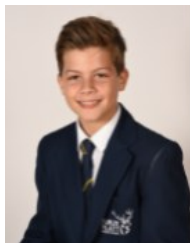
[Letter for History / French Trip to France](#)

[Letter for Music Trip to Germany](#)

THIS WEEK'S STAR STUDENTS

Logan Wheeler, Henley House

For producing one of the best shoe drawings in Year 7. A fantastic set of drawings skills were displayed in the very first unassisted task he was asked to do.



Well done also to Jacob Sykes, Year 9 from Windsor House, who recently completed a half marathon in just one hour and 45 minutes, raising money for charity,



GOOD LUCK

To Isabelle Cowell, Year 7, Henley House, competing in a National Gymnastics competition on Sunday for bars.

Good luck also to Erin Huddleston, also Henley House, and all other Cookham Running Club members who are taking part in a 2.5k running competition on Saturday.

The Year 9 girls played in the first tournament of the RBWM Netball season on Wednesday. Both teams (pictured below) played excellently throughout the whole tournament. The Pink team won 8 and drew 1 of their 11 matches. Very well done to all those who represented the school.



Year 9 Hockey girls played in their first game of this years RBWM Hockey tournament on Tuesday. They played excellently together for the first time on a full size pitch. They were unlucky to lose in a very close game to The Marist School (Ascot) 1-0.



CURRENT VACANCIES

'The school is very well led. The highly skilled Headteacher has a clear vision that all pupils should achieve well. Supported by her able leadership team she leads improvements which raise the quality of teaching, learning and assessment, so that pupils in this school achieve highly.'

OFSTED 2016

Please see our advertisement on page 4 for further details of our current vacancies or click on the links below to see full details on our website.

[IT INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEER](#)

[DATA ADMINISTRATOR](#)

[RECEPTIONIST](#)



REMINDERS

PHOTO ORDER COLLECTION DATE HAS CHANGED

Please note, the deadline for Year 7 and 10 photo orders has changed to Friday 6th October.

NAMED ITEMS

FOOD AND NUTRITION

Please make sure your child has a NAMED container for the food they are going to cook in lessons.

We would like you to taste and try the food they eat so they do need an appropriate container to make sure it gets home safely.

Also, if you have any reusable plastic takeaway containers or empty 'Celebrations' or 'Hero' tubs please do bring them into Reception, they will be put to good use.

Thank you.

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Thursday 23rd November

We will be holding our annual Careers and Higher Education Fair for students in Years 9 to 13 and their parents on Thursday 23rd November, from 18.00 to 20.00.

As always, we welcome people from a wide variety of careers and with new ideas for presenters.

If you would like to be here to represent your career or could suggest anyone who we could approach, please contact judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Invitation to GSK Maidenhead Apprentice Open Evening

'Come and join us for an evening at GSK Maidenhead and learn about modern apprentice opportunities with GSK, and a tour of the factory at Maidenhead.'

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We would like to invite you to the GSK Maidenhead Open Evening, where we will be discussing apprenticeship opportunities within GSK a brief look inside the Maidenhead site. We are inviting students from the age of 15 plus and parents to come to our site and discuss the alternative routes for further education. The Students will also get the opportunity to look inside a high performing manufacturing site based in Maidenhead.

Along with the chance to informally chat to our apprentices and leaders, there will be some presentations talking about GSK apprenticeships, the courses that we offer, and the benefits that an apprenticeship can give to young people.

We are also hoping to run tours of the facility for students depending on the interest and we will provide details of this on the evening.

This isn't just an opportunity for students, we are welcoming parents and teachers along also, so please join us if you can. Details of the event are here:

GSK Maidenhead Apprentice Open Evening

Date – **15th November 2017**

Time – **1800 arrival for start at :1815 to 2015.**

Address – **GSK Maidenhead, Norreys Drive, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 4BL**

Light Refreshments will be available

Please RSVP to Oliver Sayers, oliver.x.sayers@gsk.com with an idea of the number of people attending. This is to help us manage attendance. We can also make sure we have the right parking available.'



Learning Together

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

Due to expansion we have the following exciting opportunities to start as soon as possible:

IT Infrastructure Engineer

Salary range £25,150-£26,830 pa (with a recruitment and retention payment of up to £3,000 for the right candidate) depending on experience. Full Time

You will specialise in and be able to take charge of all hardware aspects of the school's business network, assume responsibility for evaluating and maintaining server performance and work with our IT team to assist in the resolution of service desk tickets. This is an opportunity to develop your career and be involved in our goal to expand our provision of a professional IT service to other schools in the local area. Experience of Hyper-V Clusters, VLANs and Subnets is essential.

Data Administrator

Actual salary range £12,370-£13,090 pa, depending on experience. Term time only, 30 hours per week

You will support the appropriate members of staff with the student admissions process, including our annual intake of Year 7 students and any Year 8-11 students who transfer from other schools during the academic year. You will also be involved in the management of our parent evenings booking system and the GCSE options process for Year 8 students. In addition to this you will support the Data Manager with day-to-day administrative functions including updating the student database and quality checking.

This post would suit someone with good communication skills, who has experience of providing high quality data management and administrative support. You will be able to use IT systems competently including databases and MSOffice products. The successful applicant will be given training to enable them to use any in-house IT systems.

Receptionist

Actual salary range £9,277 - £9,823 pa depending on experience. Wednesday to Friday preferably with an 8am start (negotiable) 22.5 hours per week. Term time only

As well as operating the switchboard you will be the first point of contact with visitors in school. You will also support the student services team by triaging medical assistance requests from students and carry out ad-hoc administrative tasks when time permits.

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.

Closing date: Monday 9th October 2017 at 9.00am

Interviews: w/c 9th October 2017



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

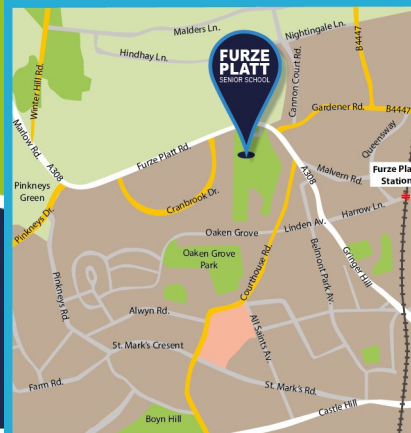
'An increased number of pupils achieved top grades at key stage 4 [and] made very strong progress in both academic and vocational subjects. The most able make similar or greater progress than other pupils nationally.'
- Ofsted



**Open Evening
Thursday 5th Oct 2017
All Welcome**

**School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2017
All Welcome***

How to find us:



**'Pupils achieve highly at this school'
- Ofsted 2016**

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

Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7NQ

THE BIG QUIZ

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Friday 10th November 2017

7.30pm - 10.30pm

At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall

Featuring music, trivia, and picture questions as well as two 'team challenges'.



£15

per person



MAX.6

people per table

But you can book in
any numbers from
1-6 and we'll find
teams for you.



FOOD

Giant Pan Catering
from
Ashridge Delicious
Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons
Forestiere and Cassoulet



PLUS

bar & prize
raffle

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

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