



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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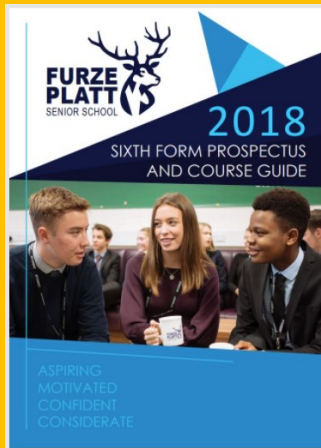
### SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thank you to all our visitors who attended last night's Sixth Form Open Evening event. It was a thoroughly informative and enjoyable evening, where current Year 11 students were able to learn about the fantastic opportunities and courses on offer in the Sixth Form. The evening's Main Hall presentations were predominantly and impressively led by current Sixth Form students.

### SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS & COURSE GUIDE 2018

All of our course details and how to apply are now available on our website.

VIEW OUR  
NEW PROSPECTUS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

### Next Week (Week 1)

MON 8 - FRI 19  
JANUARY

Year 8 GCSE Taster Lesson Fortnight

THU 18  
JANUARY

Year 8 Band 'F' Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening

4.15pm -  
7.15pm

### Forthcoming Events

WED 24  
JANUARY

Year 11 Music Recording Day

All Day

THU 25  
JANUARY

Year 8 Band 'P' Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening

4.15pm -  
7.15pm

For those of you who could not attend, we will be organising tours.

Tours need to be booked through our Main Reception on 01628 625308.

All tours are scheduled for 9.15am until 10.15am on the following dates:

### Sixth Form Tours

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

## A-LEVEL RESULTS

2017

99% PASS RATE  
OUR NEW RECORD

31%  
OF GRADES  
ARE  
A\*-A  
UP 8%  
FROM 2016

59%  
OF GRADES  
ARE  
A\*-B  
UP 15%  
FROM 2016

80%  
OF GRADES  
ARE  
A\*-C  
UP 9%  
FROM 2016

### YEAR 11 END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION OPPORTUNITIES

As your son/daughter reaches the end of their GCSE courses and the end of compulsory education, a number of traditions to mark this time have evolved in recent years. This is to let you know exactly what they are, and enable you to be aware of the financial implications of some of these.

YEAR 11 END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS LETTER



## YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENINGS

**For 8f - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 4.15pm – 7.15pm**

**For 8p - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 4.15pm– 7.15pm**

We will be running our parents' consultation for Year 8 students over two separate evenings – in order to ensure that you are able to see as many of your child's teachers as possible. Half the year (8f) will have their evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. The other half (8p) will have their event on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. If you are unsure, please double check with your son or daughter which band they are in. (If they are unsure, it will be visible on their timetable!)

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.

Appointment slots for 8f will be available to book online from 6pm tomorrow evening (9<sup>th</sup> January) and for 8p will be available from 6pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. They will very quickly fill up. We advise you to book as soon as possible after bookings open.

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

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**

significantly oversubscribed, we may ask them to sign up to subsequent sessions in advance. We suggest that if they intend coming to a session, they prepare by reading through that chapter/chapters in their revision guide/class books in advance to maximise what they get out of the session.

Date	Subject	Topic(s)	Room
16-Jan	Biology	B1 & B2 Cells & cell division	S8
23-Jan	Chemistry	C2 The periodic table	S5
30-Jan	Physics	P4 & P5 Electricity	S1
06-Feb	Biology	B3 & B4 Organisation	S8
20-Feb	Chemistry	C3 Structure & bonding	S7
27-Feb	Physics	P8, P9, P10 Forces & motion	S1
06-Mar	Biology	B5, B6, B7 Disease	S8
13-Mar	Chemistry	C4 Chemical calculations	S5
20-Mar	Physics	P12 & P13 Waves	S1
27-Mar	Biology	B8 & B9 Photosynthesis & respiration	S8

Also, just a reminder that revision guides are available for combined and separate sciences at a cost of £13 for all three subjects. In addition, for combined science we also have workbooks available that will help you to structure your revision. These are priced at £12 for three. All of these resources can be bought from the science prep room during break or before/after school.

Dr M Scott, Head of Science

## YEARS 10 AND 11 GCSE MUSIC - 'WICKED – THE MUSICAL' THEATRE TRIP



**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

The letter regarding Year 10 & 11 GCSE Music Trip in the link below. Please return reply slips by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

**WICKED MUSICAL TRIP LETTER AND REPLY SLIP**



## SCHOOL NEWS



## YEAR 11 SCIENCE REVISION SESSIONS

Science revision classes will be starting on Tuesdays after school from next week (16<sup>th</sup> January). These are primarily aimed at those doing separate sciences (those doing combined will have far more in-class revision time as their courses are shorter) but combined students may also attend if they so choose. The subjects will rotate round as per the timetable below and students can pick the sessions that will be most helpful to them. At present they do not need to sign up in advance. However, if we find that the first session is



## INDOOR ATHLETICS - SOUTH OF ENGLAND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to Harrison Thorne (Year 11) who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the U17 High Jump with a jump of 1.90m, and Brogan McCafferty (Year 8) who reached the semi-final of the U15 60m sprint, only one place away from the final.

## STEEL PAN WORKSHOP



On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, over one hundred Year 8 students had the opportunity to experience playing steel pans as part of a Music Workshop. The day ran very smoothly and all students appeared to enjoy the experience. The following article was written by one of our students who attended the session.

"The Steel Pan Workshop was an amazing experience. We learnt how to play together as a group and also learnt some information about the steel pans. There were 3 types of pans and also a percussion group which included maracas, bells and box drums.



The instructor was really nice and took his time teaching us the different segments of the song as many of us had never played the steel pans before.

At the beginning we were put into different groups and taught the basics of the steel pans. The instructor taught us different parts in our groups. We all had to pay attention, as we all got to play all the different types of pans and one of the percussion instruments. By the end of the session we could play a song together with 3 parts. I enjoyed the experience as we really had to concentrate on the notes we had to play and at what time. It wasn't too difficult and it didn't really matter if you hit a wrong note as it was very loud with all of us playing. The sound at the end of the session was amazing and we all felt proud of the music we were making."

By Maddie Bird – Year 8

## GIRLS' FOOTBALL



Our U14 football girls played brilliantly to beat Windsor Girls 4-3 on Tuesday. Player of the match was awarded to Sacha

Nicholls (Year 7), scoring 2 of our 4 goals and leading our attack all the way. Well done girls!



## SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE



Well done to all our students who entered the Senior Maths Challenge. Forty students won Gold, Silver or Bronze awards in the competition which pitted our Year 12 and 13 students against other sixth formers nationally. Charlotte Gould won Best in Year 12 and John Conacher won Best in Year for Year 13 at Furze Platt.



Further to his result, as he finished in the top 1000 students nationally, John was also invited to participate in the British Mathematical Olympiad in December. He has recently received his mark and gained a Distinction, which is only given to the top 25% of Olympiad participants. Next year, John hopes to go on to study Maths at the University of Cambridge.

## SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS 2017

	<b>GOLD AWARD</b>	
<b>John Conacher (Yr 13)</b>		<b>111</b>

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## SILVER AWARD



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



## COMMUNITY NEWS



### VACANCIES

We are looking for someone who is a qualified Drama Teacher and who might have some time to help us out with a small amount of Drama teaching. This would be for three hours a week teaching several of our Year 7 classes. There would be no requirement to develop lesson plans or mark work. If you would like further information please contact Mrs Harding, HR Manager on 01628 762231.



### EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE

The total raised so far is over £2600, thank you to everyone who has supported us so far.

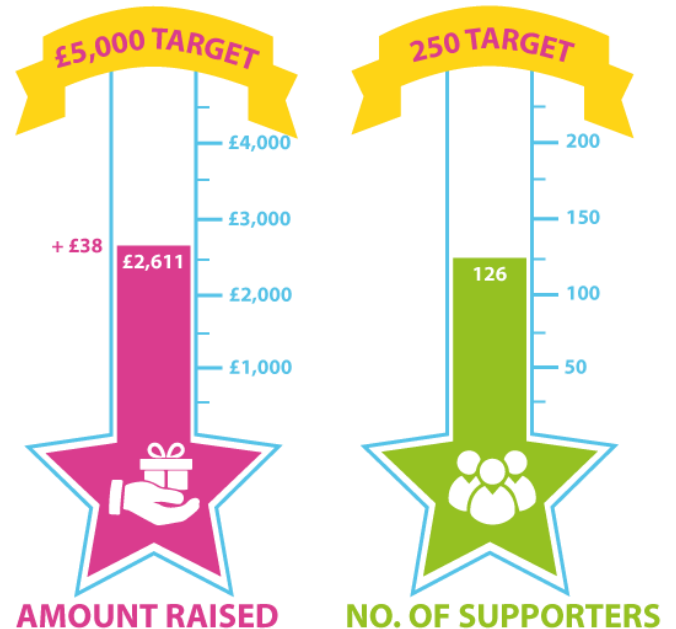


## BRONZE AWARD



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

## EASY FUNDRAISING TOTALISERS



Remember, it doesn't cost you a penny more. Simply:

1. Log in to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and choose Furze Platt Senior School as your cause
2. Choose your retailer or shop

Carry on with your online shopping as normal

Thank you.



## PTFA MEETING

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our PTFA last week. Thank you also to Jeff Lloyd for organising another successful Quiz Night before Christmas. The next one will be held in April, offering delicious food and a challenging but fun evening. Further details will be available soon.

If you haven't already purchased your 200 Club number(s), please do so now. Three lucky winners will claim one of three £170 prizes on offer. Winning numbers will be announced in February.

ANNUAL PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

The next meeting is the AGM on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

## REMINDERS

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### YEAR 10 GCSE PREPARATION – PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net)).

Mr J Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher

YEAR 10 PPE DETAILS AND TIMETABLE

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST 2018 FOR TERMS 3-4

TERM DATES 2018 - 2019

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Thank you to all students who met with me last term to log onto their E DofE account. I have seen some fantastic activities logged for individual sections, and I hope you enjoy working towards them. Please can you ask your son / daughter to check their accounts to ensure I have approved their activities.

Please continue to spend at least one hour per week on your activities, and I will meet with you again shortly to check your progress.

If there are any students who still need to upload their programme planners, please click the links below to a couple of YouTube tutorials to help with this. I can be contacted by email if you need help with any usernames or passwords.

Please see group lists in the link below:

TUTORIAL 1: GETTING STARTED, SETTING

TUTORIAL 2: GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR

DUKE OF EDINBURGH GROUP LISTS

Groups need to meet with Miss Carty after school in IT2 on the following dates:

- Groups 7-9 on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 10-12 on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 13-15 on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 16-18 on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 19-21 on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 22-24 on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

### Duke of Edinburgh Payments

Any outstanding payments need to be paid as soon as possible, these can now be made on My Little Box Office using the links below.

Please contact me at [desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net](mailto:desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net) if you have any questions.

Miss D Carty, Alternative Curriculum Support Worker

BRONZE AWARD - FINAL PAYMENT

SILVER AWARD - FINAL PAYMENT

**YEAR 11 GCSE PREPARATION – PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS**

We are entering a very important time for Year 11s, as they prepare to excel in this summer's GCSE 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. A programme of PPEs has been scheduled between September and March for Year 11. There will be further PPEs for English, Maths and Philosophy & Religion over the next few weeks.

**Key PPE Dates:**

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 – Maths PPE 3
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – English PPE 2
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Maths PPE 4
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – English PPE 3
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Philosophy & Religion PPE 2

PPEs take place during the normal school day, and students will be expected to be in lessons if they do not have an exam. There is no 'study leave' for PPEs and students will be in school from 8.45am to 3.15pm as usual. However, when students have afternoon exams they will be permitted to leave after the exam finishes. Please note that, while some exams will finish before 3:15, there are some subjects that will not finish until after 3:30 (particularly where a student qualifies for extra time in their exams).

Mr J Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher

**ENGLISH REVISION PROGRAMME**

The English Department will be running Revision Sessions for Year 11 students, starting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. These sessions will cover GCSE revision for both the English Language and English Literature papers, including all set texts. This programme of revision has been put in place to help students manage their workload and alleviate exam pressure.

Students will be able to choose the areas of study they feel they would most benefit from extra revision. At present the sessions will be filled on a 'first come first served' basis, up to a maximum of 20 per class. However, after half term pre-booking will take place – more details to follow later.

All sessions will take place after school on Wednesdays from 3.15pm-4.15pm, starting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018. They will take place in the following classrooms:

English Literature - E4

English Language Component 1 - E5

English Language Component 2 - E6

The revision class options are listed in the link below, along with a reminder of the contents of the GSCE English Literature and Language exams.

We hope you find this information useful and if you have questions or concerns, please email [samantha.jayne@furzeplatt.net](mailto:samantha.jayne@furzeplatt.net).

Miss S Jayne, Acting Head of English and Media

**ENGLISH REVISION PROGRAMME**

# Have you ever thought about fostering?

We need people who can open their homes and their hearts to a local child who needs a place where they feel safe, secure and cared for.

If you are...

- Over 21
- Live in the UK
- Have a spare room you can convert into a bedroom

...then we want to hear from you.

- You don't need to have had children to foster
- You can be single/married/divorced/LGBT
- Full training and support is provided
- It is possible to foster and work

With no age limit – you are never too old to make a difference and transform a child's life today.



Please pick up  
your phone today

Call Rebecca to book an appointment  
or to find out more on 01628 636376 or  
email: [fostering@thecornerstonepartnership.com](mailto:fostering@thecornerstonepartnership.com)

