

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #54.6



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER REGARDING JULY END OF TERM CHANGE OF DATE

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are probably aware, Furze Platt Senior School is part of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead's secondary school expansion strategy. This is a very exciting opportunity. The local authority is investing over £7 million in expanding and improving our facilities.

However, it is now clear that in order to ensure safety and minimise disruption to teaching over the next 18 months, we will need to close the school one week early in the Summer Term. Therefore, the last day that students will be required to attend school will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018. This decision has not been taken lightly and we apologise for any inconvenience.

All school trips scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> July – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 will still go ahead. To read the full letter please click [here](#).

Ms T White, Headteacher

### TODAY - DEADLINE FOR SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS



A reminder to all students that today is the deadline to submit applications, via UCAS Progress, to join Furze Platt Senior School Sixth Form.

If you have any queries over the half term in relation to applying to our Sixth Form please do not hesitate to contact UCAS Progress Support on 0371 468 2568. From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, please contact the Sixth Form Team.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ALL EVENTS
- SPORTS CALENDAR
- SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

### Next Week (Week 2)

<b>FRI 9</b> FEBRUARY	End of Term 3	
<b>MON 12 - FRI 16</b> FEBRUARY	Half Term	
<b>MON 19</b> FEBRUARY	Start of Term 4 - All Years (Week 1)	8.40am - 3.15pm
<b>WEDS 21</b> FEBRUARY	GCSE Music trip to 'Wicked'	4.20pm - 11.30pm
<b>THURS 22</b> FEBRUARY	GCSE Drama trip to 'Woman in Black'	4.20pm - 11.30pm

## TERM DATES 2018 - 2019

### DEADLINE FOR LEAVERS' HOODIES



Hoodie orders will be being sent off straight after half term. If you have not already ordered one, you can do so via the link below.

Our Leavers' Hoodies are 80% cotton and 20% polyester, and a range of sizes and colours are offered on the order form. If a nickname is requested this will appear on the back of the hoodie, with our school logo on the front.

## ORDER A LEAVERS' HOODIE

### YEAR 8 OPTIONS FORM



Deadline for applications: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

## YEAR 8 OPTIONS PRESENTATION

## YEAR 8 OPTIONS BOOKLET

## YEAR 8 OPTIONS FORM RETURN BY FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

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## POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT OF KITCHEN, DINING AND BREAK TIME ARRANGEMENTS

As part of our further improvement of the school site, we are looking to upgrade our kitchen and dining facilities. We are interested in finding out what students want to eat, and the environment in which they want to eat. We are also interested in the timings and the length of break times. As part of this, a group of ten Year Council members visited two schools in Wycombe on Wednesday this week, to see their kitchen and dining facilities in action, and to taste the food on offer. In addition, I have been collecting feedback from all students about our current arrangements. If any student has not completed the short survey then they can access it here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxjicbfcxyui-QyINozcfeww-7KnPWR-ltMluXqxFs8PrHQ/viewform?c=0&w=1> Once I have all the feedback, I will meet with focus groups of students to explore their views in more detail. Parents who wish to express their views about our current kitchen, dining or break time arrangements, or to give suggestions for further improvement, are very welcome to email me their thoughts to [Edwin.towill@furzeplatt.net](mailto:Edwin.towill@furzeplatt.net).

Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher

## REPORTS



Years 10 and 13 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](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and clicking on Parents, then Reports or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com).

## YEARS 7 AND 8 GIRLS' HOCKEY TEAM

Representing Furze Platt in the RBWM Hockey League this week were our Years 7 and 8 Girls' Hockey team.



Despite the perishing cold, the girls played with determination and vigour throughout. The way they conducted themselves was a credit to the school.

Well done to them all:

Jess Bristow, Zara Atkin, Ella Stevenson, Sofia Blake, Tilly Adaway, Ellie Ovens, Amy Matthews, Hannah Thomas and Captain Eloise Peacock.

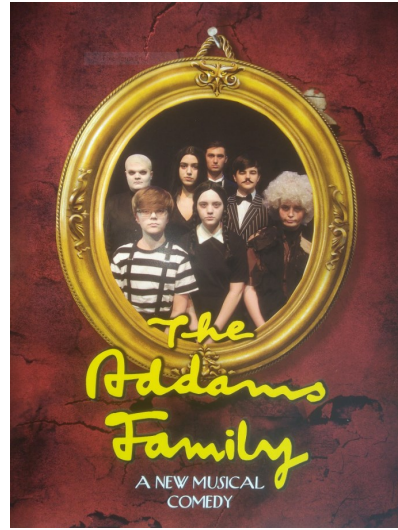
Notable performances by Eloise Peacock who was awarded player of the match and scored a fantastic unassisted goal from just inside the D, and Tilly Adaway who played in goal for the first time and made some amazing saves!

Miss K Tomlin, PE Teacher

“**Fantastic, phenomenal and really funny**”



“**This show had it all- it was brilliant!**”



This week saw the cast and crew of the Upper School Musical put on a real treat for hundreds of visitors over the past week with shows every evening. All shows were superb, with all the actors showing such comic timing and a flair for the stage. We shall be sad to lose our Year 13 Addams Family students who will be moving on this year.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in all parts of the production, including refreshments and front of house. A special mention must go to the teachers who made it possible: Mrs Bradley, Miss Johnston, Miss Satterthwaite and Mr Lewis.

If you would like a souvenir programme for £3, please email [anna.bradley@furzeplatt.net](mailto:anna.bradley@furzeplatt.net).

## 200 CLUB WINNING NUMBERS



**200 CLUB**  
**Winning numbers for Draw 2**  
**on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018**



Many congratulations also to our three 200 Club Winners who are £170 richer after last night's draw which took place just before the Finale performance!

## HOW DOES THE 200 CLUB WORK?

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH



### NEW MEETING DATES

Please see below for the new meeting dates and updated groups list:

Groups 1-3 on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

Groups 4-6 on Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Groups 7-9 on Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

Groups 10- 12 on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

Groups 13-15 on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Groups 16- 18 on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> March

Groups 19- 21 on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> March

Groups 22- 24 on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> March

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS INFORMATION

### BISHAM STUDENT SURVEY



Students in Bisham House will be participating in a survey run by a researcher from the Department of Psychology at Royal Holloway, University of London. The project involves investigating 13-18 year old's use of social networking sites (SNS) and the impacts of this use upon their social and emotional wellbeing. This research aims to explore access to SNS as well as perception of the risks and benefits of using SNS. Bisham pupils will be provided with the opportunity to discuss any further ideas that they have about SNS use via an anonymous platform.

We will be provided with a summary of the findings at the end of the study.

Mr C Marris, Psychology Teacher

## LETTER TO PARENTS OF BISHAM STUDENTS

### ENGLISH SCHOOLS XC CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### MARCH 2018

Great sporting results from Frank McGrath (Year 8) and Sammy March (Year 11) ensured they have both been selected to represent Berkshire Schools at the English Schools XC Championships in March. The selection was based on their recent performances at the Berkshire Schools Championships and the South East Schools Inter-Counties Championships.

Participation in the English Schools Championships is always seen as the pinnacle of a school athlete's season, with many GB athletes citing these races as their first real experience of championship running.

We wish them both the best of luck for the Championships.

## YEAR 7 CASTLES - HISTORY

Our Year 7 students were asked to create a castle in any medium. We had a truly inspiring array brought in, below are the winners:

Jose Sanchez-Giron & Casey Knott (chocolate cake)



Wyn Wheller-Parr (polystyrene)



Bobby Norris (replica of Conwy Castle)



Milo Adams-Strang (Lego)



Bartosz Markowski (cardboard)



## REMINDERS

YEAR 9

### YEAR 9 DRAMA TRIP - WOMAN IN BLACK

Drama students in Year 9 are studying GCSE Drama with a focus on the conventions of horror stories and looking at The Woman in Black as a stimulus this academic year. Therefore we are planning an educational visit to see The Woman in Black at the Fortune Theatre in London on Thursday 22nd February. We will meet outside reception at 4:30pm and arrive back to school at approximately 11:30pm dependent on traffic. Students will need to wear appropriate clothes for the theatre (smart/casual) and to have some money for dinner in a fast food restaurant.

## WOMAN IN BLACK THEATRE TRIP - BOOK HERE

### LATE SCHOOL START

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9.10am

I am writing to inform you that school will start at 9.10am on the following occasions:

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Students should go straight to period 2 which starts at 9.10am. The reason for this late start is because on these occasions, there are Year 7 parents' evenings taking place on the previous evening.

Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher