

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #55.3



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NEW HEAD TEACHER FOR FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

On behalf of Governors I am delighted to announce that our new Head from 1st September 2018 will be Dr. Andrew Morrison. Dr Morrison is currently Head Teacher at Bradon Forest School and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience. He is very much looking forward to joining us here at Furze Platt and to meeting; Students, Parents and Staff at the earliest opportunity.

This appointment follows a rigorous process of selection from an original field of 19 applicants for the post, Governors are firmly of the belief that this significant appointment will help to secure an even more successful future for Furze Platt Senior School as we move forward in our next stage of growth and development.

I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Dr. Morrison to our community and in wishing him every success in his new role.

Gavin Tisshaw MSc
Chair of Governors

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM – INFORMATION

We have had a new phone system installed this week, which is accessed via the school's telephone number.

Main Reception Number - 01628 625308 - then press 0

Student Absence (Years 7-11) - then press 1

Sixth Form - 01628 625308 Ext 600

Sixth Form Absence - Ext 650

Admissions - Ext 131

Exams Office - Ext 132

Finance Department - Ext 159

Shine - Ext 440



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 2)

MON 7
MAY

Bank Holiday

FRI 11
MAY

PTFA Big Quiz 6 (Main Hall)

7.30pm -
10.30pm

QUIZ SPACES STILL AVAILABLE - BOOK NOW!

Forthcoming Events

MON 14
MAY

Public Exams Start

Until 18th
June

This system replaces any previous DDI numbers with new internal extension numbers with immediate effect.

Alternatively, please visit our 'Contact Us' webpage for a list of staff email addresses.

CONTACT US

PARENTS' COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING

Monday 21st May, 6pm -7pm

'Your child, social media and the law'

Do you know what your son or daughter is doing with their smart phone? Would you like to know more about the legal framework and how to prevent them from getting into trouble?

We are delighted that PC Graham Slater, Schools Safeguarding Officer, will join us for a presentation on this important topic, followed by time for questions and

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discussion. PC Slater is a very experienced police officer with significant experience of working with young people in schools. He will be joined by PC Shaunagh Hall. PC Hall is also a very experienced officer with a specialism in safeguarding. The meeting will be hosted by Ms White.

All parents are welcome. The event will be free. However as we anticipate it will be a popular event please reserve your place(s) online via Little Box Office, found on our website (under parents tab) or www.thelittleboxoffice.com/furzeplatt

Ms T White, Headteacher

BOOK A SPACE (FREE EVENT)



YEAR 11 ENGLISH REVISION PROGRAMME

Following the Year 11 PPE in English Language and subsequent Literature revision now taking place in every English lesson, we would like to bring to your attention the next phase of the revision programme.

We would like to invite students who are experiencing difficulty with any aspect of Language or Literature revision to book in with their class teacher for additional tuition. The slots will be booked for a set day and a set time; these will be dependent on the availability of each individual Year 11 teacher. In the event that the class teacher is not available then the Head or Second of Department will give the revision support that is needed.

This system allows for specific revision that responds to the independent work that the students are doing at home. As the exams get nearer, we believe that this form of revision support will best serve the needs of our students.

Ms S Jayne, Head of Department, and Mrs K Martin, Second in Department

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD ASSESSMENT EXPEDITION



We hope your son / daughter enjoyed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award practice expedition recently.

Please note that all assessor's reports are now due, and the deadline to complete the Bronze Award is Friday 25th May.

Further to feedback from students, staff and expedition leaders, please see below for important information from BXM Expeditions relating to the assessment expedition on the 12th & 13th May.

- To make it less chaotic when dropping your child off, we have decided to stagger the start times. Please bear this in mind if you are lift sharing and ensure if lifts are shared they are with the correct groups as groups will be starting and finishing at different places.
- Groups 1- 6 from Group A, and Groups 12- 17 from Group B should arrive at their start point for 9.30am.
- Groups 7- 11 from Group A, and Groups 18- 22 from Group B should arrive at their start point for 10am.
- Parents must wait for students to be signed in by the Instructor before making their way home. Once students have signed in please depart promptly to allow students to get walking as quickly as possible and free up space in the car parks.
- Students must not use their phones during the assessment. Students are only permitted to use their phones for emergency use only and for taking photos if it is part of their aim. Any student caught using their phone for anything other than this could contribute to the whole group being deferred.



- Students are expected to demonstrate excellent behaviour and treat staff from BXM with respect at all times.
- Please encourage your child to pack their own rucksack for the assessment (tips on how to do this can be found online using the link below) and plan their own meals.

TIPS FOR PACKING YOUR RUCKSACK

- Please remind your child about the 20 Conditions, which they should follow for a successful assessment

20 CONDITIONS

- Please remind them to ensure they carry their litter with them and put it in the bin when they're able to.

We have had a lot of positive feedback from students, and we wish them every success for their assessment expeditions.

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager



REGENERATION TALK FOR YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS



By Gabrielle Ford, Year 12

On Monday 23rd April, Year 12 A-level Geography students were pleased to hear Zoe Mulholland (Development Manager) and Richard Broom (Landscape Architect) present a regeneration talk following the Maidenhead Regeneration Exhibition that students attended in January.

As part of the A-Level Geography specification, which covers the regeneration topic, students were able to ask questions and gain an indepth understanding of the planning and players involved in the regeneration process that is scheduled to take place over the next 3 years. Students were asked to reflect on the numerous aspects to consider in the planning process which include the Planning Statement, Economic Commercial Market Report, Archaeological Assessment, Heritage, Flood Risk Assessment, Biodiversity Assessment, Retail Impact Assessment amongst several others. This highlighted the significance of evaluating a place's economic, social and environmental characteristics in order to measure its need for regeneration and to tailor the proposals according to these factors.

Countryside is RBWM's Development Partner and has been recruited to oversee the regeneration of four main sites. The first project is to commence at York Road with the initiative

of creating new public spaces, activity in outer areas of the centre, improving access to York Stream, connecting pedestrian environments and designing an improved setting to the existing civic buildings. Zoe also introduced the idea of sustainable development and the necessity of respecting natural and historic environments whilst creating high quality design features. Richard talked about the creation of a new cultural quarter which will embrace open, green spaces as an alternative to the residential sector and the use of public art to contribute to the re-imagining of the town centre. The edges of the plaza will have a range of restaurants to attract further retail and commercial businesses and therefore visitors.

Being able to hear Zoe and Richard's contribution to our town's future regeneration enabled students to think about the ways of measuring the success of these projects. Zoe outlined that success is primarily connected to increasing the value of property and profitability, whereas Richard described his view of success being able to eventually see the engagement of people in the animated atmosphere and architecture drawn from his initial designs. He also acknowledged the range of scales for regenerating an area from a town strategy to sculptures or seating.

The discussion allowed us to apply our knowledge of geography to the wider context of Maidenhead town centre and both Zoe and Richard said that they would be able to provide work experience opportunities for any students considering these career paths. Overall, the session was very informative and we all appreciated their time. We look forward to the implementation of these proposals and the future success of Maidenhead's regeneration.



FURZE PLATT STUDENT SELECTED FOR GB ROWING TEAM



Well done to Victor Kleshnev (Year 13), who recently won the GB Junior April Small Boats Regatta (GB trials). Victor has also been selected to represent GB at Munich

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International Junior Regatta, 5-6 May. We wish him every success.



GREEN WAITROSE TOKENS FOR FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY



Our Librarians, Mrs Wevill and Mrs Flood, recently applied to Waitrose Maidenhead for their Community Matters scheme. We are delighted to announce their application was successful and will be running throughout April.

If you are in Waitrose Maidenhead during April, please donate all your Green tokens to support this very worthwhile cause. We are currently in second place so all tokens are gratefully appreciated.

Thank you.

LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Year



French

Ellie Gavin (Year 8), Aoife Murphy (Year 7), Will Lonsdale (Year 7), Lillia Bowsher (Year 8)

Spanish

Zoe Hopson (Year 10), Amber-Jane Batchelor (Year 7)

German

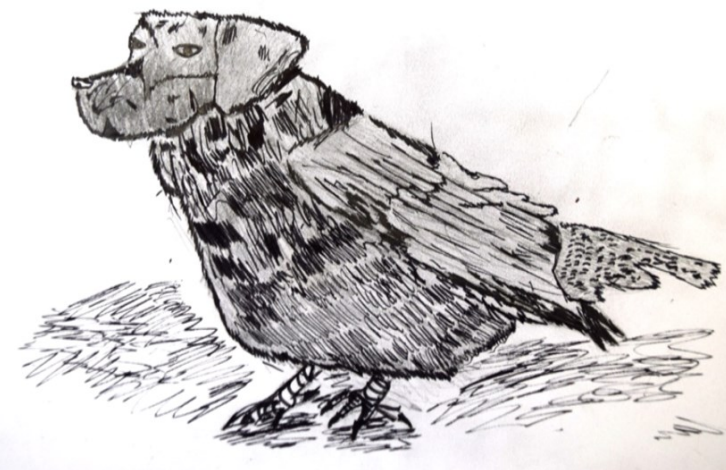
Eve McCaffrey (Year 7), Finnley Tanner (Year 7)

FEATURED ARTWORK

We would like to introduce a new weekly feature to showcase our talented students' artwork. This week's featured artist is:

Abdur Khan Year 7

Art & Design: Exquisite Animals Project



YEAR 7

VACANCIES AT FURZE PLATT

We are looking for cleaners to help our busy site team keep our school looking its best. For details, please click the link below:

[CLEANERS](#)

PTFA BIG QUIZ 6

Friday 11th May, 7.30pm, Main Hall



After our record-breaking turnout for Big Quiz 5, come and join us for our next Big Quiz 6 on Friday 11th May. Jeff and Oz will be your quizmasters, with questions, music and fun

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team challenges. Teams of up to six, food and bar available. The next 200 Club winners will be drawn at the

JOIN THE 200 CLUB

quiz, to be in with a chance of winning please click below:

To book for the quiz please click the link below so we can supply our caterers with final numbers.

QUIZ SPACES STILL AVAILABLE - BOOK NOW!

Thank you.

The PTFA

HENLEY ARTS TRAIL 2018

Saturday 5th - Monday 7th May, 10am - 5pm

HENLEY 2018 ARTSTRAIL

5-7 MAY • BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

www.henleyartstrail.com

ART TRAIL MAP & VENUE DETAILS

REMINDERS

YEAR 11 PROM, GRADUATION AND HOODIES

YEAR 11 PROM TICKETS , GRADUATION & HOODIES LETTER

SUMMER TERM SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

An updated school clubs list can now be found on our website. Please follow the link below for full details.

NEW SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

ITALIAN CLUB THURSDAYS

(starting from Thurs 26th April 2018)

MFL3

3.15 PM – 4.15 PM

GO 4 SCHOOLS - PASSWORD CHANGE UPDATE

Go 4 Schools have been enhancing the compliance of their system in light of the tightening of the Data Protection Regulations (also known as the General Data Protection Regulations or GDPR) due for implementation on 25 May 2018.

As a result of this, all passwords in Go 4 Schools will be set to expire after a period of 6 months. The company have also introduced a tougher security policy to strengthen passwords.

Password security policy: We are applying a new password strength policy across the system, meaning that all new passwords must meet new criteria (8 or more characters, plus a mixture of uppercase, lowercase, numbers and non-alphanumeric characters).

If you have forgotten your password there is now a time limited 'password reset' link.

New password / password reset mechanism: the mechanism by which a user gets an initial password (or a new password) has been changed to send a time-limited 'password reset' link to their email address (rather than send a new password directly).

These changes will affect students and parents.

If you have any queries please contact 01628 625308 ext 350.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

THE BIG QUIZ

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Friday 11th May 2018

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'.



per person



people per table

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



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



bar & prize raffle

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK FOR A FUN EVENING!](#)

PTFA
Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

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The 2018 Sports Bursaries applications are now open

New Deadline for all applications Friday 22nd June 2018

Player Bursary Award

Are you an aspiring athlete? Do you need help with:

- Coaching Fees
- Training Courses
- Purchase of Equipment and clothing to assist with sports performance
- Travelling expenses

We offer awards of up to £250 to help young people with their training costs to gain local, national and international recognition in their sport. The Award Scheme has been established to acknowledge young sporting achievements.

Deadline for applications 22nd June 2018

Coach Bursary Award

The Coach Bursary Award scheme aims to acknowledge the vital contribution coaches make to sport and aims to raise the profile of coaches as well as enhancing coach education in the Royal Borough. The Bursaries are awarded to people from all sports and are aiming to help towards:

- Coaching Fees
- Coaching Courses
- Purchase of equipment and clothing to assist with sports clothing
- Travelling Expenses

Deadline for applications 22nd June 2018

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement award is presented once a year to an individual who has made a significant contribution to sport within the Royal Borough over a number of years.

Deadline for Applications 22nd June 2018

For more information visit www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200156/community_grants/739/sports_bursaries/1

If you have any questions, please email sports.development@rbwm.gov.uk

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Maidenhead Advertiser CHARITABLE TRUST



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Demonstrations

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around the Henley
and Twyford areas

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ART TRAIL MAP & VENUE DETAILS

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SKI TRIP 2019

TO LA THUILE, AOSTA VALLEY

SATURDAY 13TH – SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019

Skiing £1,015
Snowboarding £1,025

This includes:

- Extensive 6 day lift pass that covers both La Thuile in Italy and La Rosiere in France.
- Five hours of ski/snowboard lessons per day.
- Full board accommodation including dinner out at a different restaurant every night.
- Exciting après ski programme.
- Travel to and from the resort on a luxury coach.

Open to all current Year 7-12 students who will be at the school in April 2019.

Application forms available from Reception, PE department or Drama department.

[CLICK HERE FOR PDF SKI TRIP 2019 LETTER AND APPLICATION FORM](#)





CHARITY ZUMBA GLOW PARTY!

FRIDAY 18th MAY

7pm - 9pm

£10 per ticket (or £12 on the door)

Charity Raffle and Glow Sticks

- WEAR SOMETHING RED -

Raising Money

Maggie was in Great Ormond Street with Eden (2) and Siobhan (2) who are fighting neuroblastoma. We are raising money to get these girls to America to take part in a research trial that has the potential to prevent life threatening relapse.

If we can help other children in their fight against this devastating disease Maggie-Mae's fight will not have been in vain.



Maggie-Mae

FOR TICKETS

NIKI: 07775653051 | [facebook.com/nikikittfitness](https://www.facebook.com/nikikittfitness)

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