

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #55.5



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### PARENTS' COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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](http://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/furzeplatt)

Ms T White, Headteacher

**BOOK A SPACE (FREE EVENT)**

### YEAR 13 STUDY LEAVE

As Year 13 students enter their final exams at Furze Platt Senior School please be aware of the following arrangements for your information. Year 13 students will be on full study leave from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June, however please note that they are more than welcome to attend any of their usual timetabled lessons from this date. All subject teachers will be running revision sessions at these times, even though it is not compulsory to attend. Students attending these revision sessions must continue to adhere to the Sixth Form dress code. The revision lessons will cease once the final exam has been sat for that subject. We hope that the vast majority of students will take up this opportunity. We wish every Year 13 student well for their exams.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ALL EVENTS
- SPORTS CALENDAR
- SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

#### Next Week (Week 2)

<b>MON 21</b> MAY	Public Exams	Until 18 <sup>th</sup> June
	Parents' Community Group Meeting	6pm - 7pm
<b>FRI 25</b> MAY	End of Term 5	3.15pm finish
<b>FRI 25 - FRI 1</b> MAY JUNE	Half Term Holiday	
<b>MON 4</b> JUNE	Start of Term 6 (Week 1)	8.40am start

#### Forthcoming Events

<b>THU 7</b> JUNE	Year 6 Induction Evening	6.30pm - 8pm
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YEAR 12

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We have a number of important dates and events coming up after half term for Year 12 students, so please be aware of the following information:

#### Pre Public Exams (PPEs):

- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Year 12 Art & Photography PPEs:** Students to attend school at normal time. The exam duration is 5 hours with 2 breaks, and students will finish school as normal at 3.15pm.
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June- Year 12 PPE period:** During these 4 days, students will be on full exam/study leave and will not be expected to attend any school sessions (tutor time, assemblies, tutorials etc.) and will only be expected to attend their exams. All

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students must wear clothing that meets with the Sixth Form's dress code whilst at school during this week. All students have an individual timetable issued to them outlining the times of their exams. **Please note that the morning exams are due to start at 8.45am and students should arrive at 8.30am to be ready to start at 8.45am. Afternoon exams will start at 12.30pm and students should arrive at 12.15pm to be ready to start at 12.30pm.**

### **Careers Day:**

- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Year 12 Careers Day:** The day will consist of a variety of seminars and workshops that will assist students with planning for and developing skills for their future careers. Further details and information to follow shortly. All students must arrive at school promptly at 8.40am.

### **Work Experience Week:**

- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Year 12 Work Experience week:** All students need to secure their work experience placement, complete and hand in their work experience forms as soon as possible or by the deadline of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

## **YEAR 10 UNIVERSITY VISIT**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

As part of our programme of activities to help students make choices for their future, we are planning to take all Year 10 students to visit a university on either Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June or Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Students will have the opportunity to see a university at first hand; they will have a tour of the campus, meet students and attend various talks and activities about the benefits of Higher Education.

Students have a choice of university to visit, please see the letter in the link below for full details.

**YEAR 10 UNIVERSITY VISIT LETTER**

## **ICELAND FIELD TRIP - EASTER 2019**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The Geography Department at Furze Platt Senior School is well known for organising a range of excellent trips – both in terms of preparing students for examinations, and also offering an experience of a lifetime. In 2015 and 2017 we have taken students to Iceland during the Easter break. These trips have been exciting for the school and department and have proved to be a huge success. We are excited to be offering another trip to Iceland during the Easter Break of 2019: 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April. Although this trip will offer excellent support to the work that students cover in

A Level and GCSE, this will be run as a purely optional trip giving Furze Platt students the chance, every two years, to experience the raw power of Geography in an environment very different to that of the UK! As we only plan to run the trip once every two years, this opportunity will be open to all students from Years 9 to 13 – although priority will be given to those students studying Geography in Years 12 and 13 to ensure that they get a chance to go before they leave school. Based on the success of previous trips, we expect this to be a very popular trip. Quotes have been requested based on 40 students and 4 staff so it is likely that a 'Reserve List' will be created in the event of over-subscription.

Please see the letter in the link below for more details.

**YEARS 9 –13 ICELAND TRIP 2019 LETTER**



## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **RBWM GIRLS' POLICY FORUM**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**By Gabrielle Ford, Year 12**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Holly Allen, Charlotte Piggott and I had the opportunity to attend the first Girls' Policy Forum in the Council Chamber, Town Hall in Maidenhead. The main objective of this new forum is to provide young women and girls with the chance to contribute ideas and participate in exploring the ways in which they can help shape their borough. The ideas discussed at the Forum will be considered in the policy-making process, giving young women the opportunity to have their say and contribute to their local community. The event was hosted by the RBWM and AfC (Achieving for Children) and was run by Councillor Natasha Airey, Deputy Director of Children's Services Lin Ferguson and Youth Engagement Officer Elaine Keating, who were all exceptionally empowering for the 20 young women who attended. Representatives from Newlands, Windsor Girls', Altwood, Holyport, St. Edwards Royal, Cox Green, Charters, 4 Marlow Road Youth Centre, The Link and Furze Platt Senior School all attended the event.

Cllr Airey outlined her role in the council and explained the processes involved in political governance, alongside priorities and visions for the borough. We were then divided into four groups and were given time to brainstorm and discuss any ideas. One to two members from each group then presented the key priorities or concepts suggested by their team. It was lovely to meet other girls who all wanted to contribute to their community and to hear the range of ideas explored throughout the event. Charlotte expressed that "the first meeting was amazing; seeing all of these strong girls coming forward about their concerns and

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leading discussion within our community was inspiring. To be involved was an honour as I could see that most of the ideas I had for improvement were shared by the rest of the group". Holly Allen said "I'm excited to be given the opportunity to speak for young women of today's generation who still don't always get a say". The main ideas will be further discussed in the following meeting within a month's time. It was a lovely experience to meet other young women and to be incorporated into the council's policy-making process; we all thoroughly enjoyed the event. We would like to thank the RBWM for this opportunity and we look forward to the next meeting and the future success of the Forum.



**FURZE PLATT STUDENTS VISIT THE HOTTEST PLACE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM**



Last month Year 12 Physicists had the chance to experience somewhere hotter than the sun – but at a comfortable distance. Students visited the Culham Science centre in Abingdon to see the largest nuclear fusion reactor in Europe, and the technology that makes it all possible. On the tour students saw inside a full scale model of the reactor, along with the robotic arms used to make delicate adjustments to the apparatus. Nuclear fusion can power the world in the future, and it was incredible to see how it all works first hand.



cook a two-course meal that could be delivered on a grand scale in a nursery setting. Some fantastic ideas included: chicken caterpillars, smiley face pizzas and gingerbread man sandwiches. Thank you to the Food Tech department for allowing us to use their space and to our catering team who happily advised girls on the professional kitchen standards.

**FURZE PLATT STUDENT WINS SILVER MEDAL AT ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS**



Congratulations to Charlie Sinnott (Year 8) who won a Silver medal at the English Championships last weekend, in the Tumbling section. This is a fantastic achievement – well done Charlie.



**VIDEO CLIP OF TUMBLING SECTION**

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED COURSEWORK TASK**



Our Year 10 Child Development girls have successfully completed their third coursework task: cooking a meal for a toddler. Students had to investigate nutritional requirements, hygienic routines and the financial capability of a nursery kitchen. Based on their research, they had to design and



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## SCOUTING AWARD FOR FURZE PLATT STUDENT

Hannah Trueman, Year 10, was awarded the David Howell Memorial trophy at the 1<sup>st</sup> Maidenhead Sea Scout Group Regatta last weekend. The trophy was awarded to her as she 'truly represents the spirit of Scouting and is a whizz on the water!'



## WELL DONE TO OUR INTREPID DUKE OF EDINBURGH STUDENTS

Many congratulations to all students who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award assessment expeditions last week/end. Our groups have hiked in all weathers over their practice and assessment expeditions, but still managed to complete miles of walking in their groups to finish in good time. They have done really well and we now need their completed assessor's reports to ensure they gain the full award. Assessor's reports must be submitted by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May and all four sections have to be completed

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for your child to successfully pass the Bronze Award (expeditions, volunteering, skills and activities).

[LINK TO ASSESSOR'S REPORT](#)

If your child is having problems getting their assessor's report signed off please email [dofe@furzeplatt.net](mailto:dofe@furzeplatt.net) with your child's name, assessor's name, company, contact telephone number or email address.

Miss D Carty, Duke of Edinburgh Manager



## BERKSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS – ETON



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Well done to everyone who competed in the Berkshire County Championships, there was a good contingent of FPSS athletes competing with excellent results.

Student	Year	Event	Performance
Harrison Thorne	Yr 11	HJ	1 <sup>st</sup> 1.93m
		LJ	1 <sup>st</sup> 6.25m
Orla Brennan	Yr 11	200m	1 <sup>st</sup> 25.80 (25.61 in heat)
Elliot Lowe	Yr 10	800m	3 <sup>rd</sup> 2:05.05
Ben Reynolds	Yr 10	1500m	4 <sup>th</sup> 4:28.01
Brogan McCafferty	Yr 8	100m	2 <sup>nd</sup> 12.98
		200m	4 <sup>th</sup> 27.81
Martha Garner	Yr 8	100m	7 <sup>th</sup> 14.10 (13.74 in heat)
		200m	8 <sup>th</sup> 29.28
Kensa Horner	Yr 8	800m	5 <sup>th</sup> 2:36.73 (2:32.05 in heat)
Hannah Britton	Yr 8	LJ	4 <sup>th</sup> 4.39m
Nick Holdsworth	Yr 8	300m	3 <sup>rd</sup> 44.56
		100m	3 <sup>rd</sup> 13.65
Euan Russell	Yr 8	1500m	8 <sup>th</sup> 4:56.71
Edwin Isted	Yr 8	1500m	11 <sup>th</sup> 5:07.93



## YEAR 7 ROUNDERS

The Year 7 rounders team kickstarted their season today at the tournament at Charters School. Players of the match were awarded to Lily Vann for her outstanding fielding and huge throws and Phoebe Forward for her multiple rounders from her massive hits. A lovely evening in the sun for everyone involved.



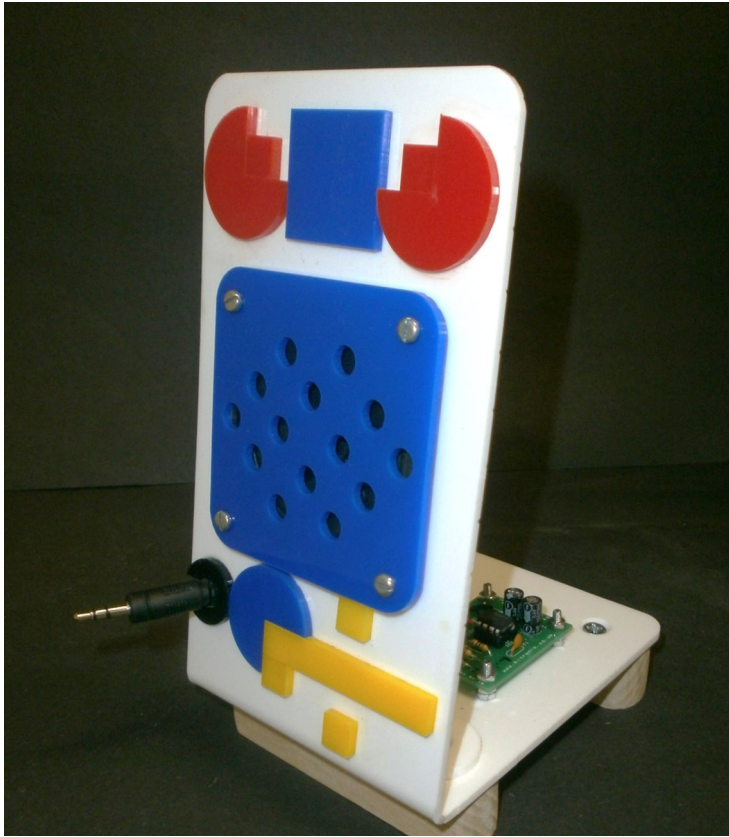




## FEATURED ARTWORK

Lyle McLintock - Year 9

Product Design: GCSE Speaker Project



## Library and Resident Services - Weekend Job Vacancies

Applicants must be 16 and over.

[VIEW FULL JOB ADVERT](#)



## 200 CLUB



**200 CLUB**  
**Winning numbers for Draw 3**  
**on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### JOB VACANCIES

**Cookham, Maidenhead and The Lawns Nursery School Federation**

Vacancy: Lunch Club Assistant x 3

Commencing: September 2018

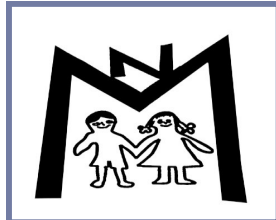
Hours of work: 11.30am – 12.30pm

Pay Scale: £15,014 FTE - pro rata

£9.52 per hour Term time only

Fixed Term contract to July 2019

This role is Monday – Friday however job share applications will be considered.



[VIEW FULL JOB ADVERT](#)

Many congratulations to our three winning 200 Club number holders who each won a substantial cash prize. Our next draw is in July.

[HOW DOES THE 200 CLUB WORK?](#)

[ANNUAL PAYMENT](#)

[MONTHLY PAYMENTS](#)



## REMINDERS



**YEAR 11 PROM, GRADUATION AND HOODIES**

[YEAR 11 PROM TICKETS , GRADUATION & HOODIES LETTER](#)

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## YEAR 7 EXAMINATIONS

This is to inform you that Year 7 examinations in English, Maths and Science will take place during the week of 11<sup>th</sup> June. Students will have a one hour exam in both Maths and Science, during their normal lessons. They will have a speaking and listening examination in English, which will take place across their lessons during that week. Students will be prepared for the examinations by their teacher, and will be told which lessons the exams will take place in. I will inform parents and carers of the dates in due course. Examination results will contribute towards students' overall progress grades, which will be published in early July.

Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher

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## NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM – INFORMATION

Please be aware that previous direct dial numbers to school departments may have changed. The list below shows up to date numbers:

**Main Reception Number** - 01628 625308 - then press 0

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

**Admissions (Years 7 - 11)** - Ext 131

**Sixth Form (Including Admissions)** - 01628 625308 Ext 600

**Sixth Form Absence** - Ext 650

**Exams Office** - Ext 132

**Finance Department** - Ext 159

**Shine** - Ext 440

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

CONTACT US

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## YEAR 8 EXAMINATIONS

This is to inform you that Year 8 examinations in English, Maths and Science will take place during the week of 4<sup>th</sup> June. Students will have a one hour exam in both Maths and Science, during their normal lessons. They will have a speaking and listening examination in English, which will take place across their lessons during that week. Students will be prepared for the examinations by their teacher, and will be told which lessons the exams will take place in. I will inform parents and carers of the dates in due course. Examination results will contribute towards students' overall progress grades, which will be published in early July.

Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher



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## SQUID REFUND

As your child approaches the end of their time in school, we would like to remind you to reduce the balance on their dinner money account. Students and parents are encouraged to plan top-ups and spending so that their accounts are at a minimum by the time they leave school. This will help reduce administration for Squid and Innovate Customer Services.

Please note that Squid/Innovate do not refund account balances of less than £5. Instead the total value of all leavers account balances under £5 will be donated to the school.

If your balance is above £5 then you may request a refund by emailing Squid directly – [customerservice@squidcard.com](mailto:customerservice@squidcard.com) . Otherwise the balance will be donated to the school.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

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## YEAR 11 GCSE REVISION TIMETABLE

Please find the Year 11 GCSE Revision Timetable in the link below.

YEAR 11 GCSE REVISION TIMETABLE



## SPORTS DATES FOR DIARY

- If students qualify for district team, they will be expected to compete on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June Palmer Park Reading
- U13 District trials – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 4pm-5.30pm at TVAC
- If students qualify for district team they will be expected to compete on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July Palmer Park Reading (evening)
- Year 7/8 Knight Frank League – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 4pm-5.30pm TVAC
- Knight Frank Finals – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10am – 12.30pm TVAC
- RBWM schools Championships Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July all day TVAC



## 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](#)





EVENT TAKING PLACE TONIGHT!

## 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)

KATE: 07920152790 | [facebook.com/zumbawithkatew](https://www.facebook.com/zumbawithkatew)

RACHEL: 07971646443

LUCILE: [lubrchet@gmail.com](mailto:lubrchet@gmail.com)

### WHERE

Furze Platt Senior School

Furze Platt Road

Maidenhead

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# SKI TRIP 2019

TO LA THUILE, AOSTA VALLEY

SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> 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](#)

