



FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #56.13



REPORTS



YEARS 7, 9, 10, 11 & 12

The above year groups' reports have now 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 and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

[VIEW REPORTS WEBPAGE](#)

THANK YOU – POPPY APPEAL



A huge thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy, we raised over £140.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

On the last day of the term, Wednesday 19th December, students are invited to wear Christmas jumpers with their usual uniform of shirt, tie, trousers/skirt and smart school shoes. If students do not wish to wear a Christmas jumper they must wear their blazers as usual.

GCSE AND GCE CERTIFICATES 2018 AVAILABLE NOW



Exam Certificates 2018 are available for collection now. Students should come to the Exams Office to collect as these have to be signed for.

Students who have left school should also come to the Exams Office during school hours to sign for them. However, we appreciate that many ex-students are not



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

Next Week (Week 2)

Forthcoming Events

**WED 19
DECEMBER**

Last day of term

**THU 3
JANUARY**

Beginning of term for 2019 (Week 1)

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20

living at home anymore, in this case we provide the Certificate Collection Form for third party authorisation.

[CERTIFICATE COLLECTION FORM](#)

Please bear in mind that Exam Certificates cannot be handed over to parents or friends without this authorisation from the student. Students who have paid for postage should receive theirs shortly.

We still hold some GCSE and GCE Certificates from 2016
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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 2019

6PM - 9PM

More information about our Sixth Form Open Evening on page 2.

and 2017 in the Exams Office, please arrange for collection by the same means as outlined above.

Certificates are important legal documents – required for CVs, job applications and to verify the Statement of Results – and should be collected in person. They should be kept in a safe place.

If you have mislaid previously collected certificates, please contact the Exam Board in question directly. Exam Boards will provide replacement certificates at a cost of approximately £40.

For more information:

gov.uk: [Get a replacement exam certificate](#)

UCAS: [What to do if you don't have copies of old exam certificates](#)

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 10th January 2019

I am delighted to be able to invite you to this event, the primary purpose of which is to inform you of the full range of opportunities available to those wishing to take courses Post 16. We are very proud of our Sixth Form and its record of high achievement. The evening will hopefully provide students with the information they need to make informed choices when selecting their courses. Please could we ask you to arrive at 6.15pm, so the presentation in the Main Hall starts promptly at 6.25pm.

The new prospectuses will be available on the evening.

The programme for the evening is outlined below. The main presentation will be followed by the possibility of attending up to **FIVE** talks on various 'A' Levels and Level 3 Applied courses.

6.00pm – 6.20pm External Applicants: Welcome Meeting

6.25pm – 6.55pm Main Presentation in the Main Hall: introductory talks by:-

- 1) Gaby Ford, Adam Simmonds & Amy Tarrant (Student Senior Leadership Team) - Welcome.
- 2) Mr J Dollery, Head of Sixth Form, Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher and Dr A Morrison, Headteacher – The Admissions Process; The Curriculum; Induction; Tutorial Programme; Academic Monitoring/Reporting; Preparation for Careers and Higher Education.

All subject presentations will be available at the following times:

- 1) 7.00pm – 7.20pm
- 2) 7.25pm – 7.45pm
- 3) 7.50pm – 8.10pm

4) 8.15pm – 8.35pm

5) 8.40pm – 9.00pm

I do hope you will be able to attend this valuable meeting.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Dollery

Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form

PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS



Please can parents and carers be courteous when picking up and dropping off at the front of school.

We recognise that this area can get congested at the start and end of the day. However, often cars back up onto the road stopping the traffic flow when drivers stop in the middle of the layby to wait for their children. This annoys fellow drivers and also causes congestion and potential health and safety dangers for students walking to and from school.

Longer term and as part of our site improvement work the council will be improving the layout at the front of the school but in the meantime we thank you for your support.

LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE



In the next two weeks we will be training students on our Lockdown Procedure. This is a procedure that nearly all schools have in case of eventualities like an intruder on site, a nearby chemical leak or a police incident near to the school. The purpose is to ensure students, staff and visitors to our site are safe during whatever event occurs. Tutors will be training students on how the procedure works and then we will practice this. Our aim is not to alarm you or your children - rather this training aims to ensure that we are all safe and know how to react in case of this very unlikely eventuality.

REQUESTS FROM SHINE DEPARTMENT



We have recently built a beautiful wooden planter in the Shine garden and would like to plant some spring bulbs. We would be very grateful for any donations of spring bulbs, winter plants, pansies etc.

If you have any brightly coloured wool we could use for arts and crafts within the department, we would appreciate that also. Due to storage restrictions, we only need a couple of carrier bags' worth.

Thank you.

BREAK ARRANGEMENTS



Parents and guardians will be aware that we have been trialling a single break over the last two weeks. As explained in the newsletter a few weeks ago we trialled this arrangement for a number of reasons:

- Following the completion of the cafe work there is extra capacity for all students to buy and eat their food.
- Less noise and disruption around lessons when other students are on break.
- All our students being able to socialise at break times.

Following the trial we have sought feedback from staff and students.

Our staff have responded overwhelmingly positively to the trial. In addition to the reasons highlighted above staff have noted that:

- It is easier for students to access their teachers at breaks (previously they may have been teaching).
- Students have been mixing across the year groups.

The reaction of our students has been more mixed. They have highlighted several positives including:

- The structure of the school day is preferable; in particular many of our Year 7 and 8 students have expressed the view that "having one lesson in the afternoon makes the day fly by".
- The quality of the food in the cafe is better as our staff only need to prepare for two not four sittings.
- Being able to mix with students from across the school.
- More study time and space for our Sixth Form either in the Library or Hall/Canteen.

However, they have also highlighted things we need to address including:

- Space – it is more crowded in the hall and cafe.
- The queues can be 5-10 minutes in length.
- The need for more seating for students.
- The wish to have more space to play ball games.

Following consideration of all the feedback we have made the decision **to continue the single break arrangement for the foreseeable future**. We know that should we decide to we could return to the previous arrangements at any point.

Mindful of the feedback we are putting the following additional lunchtime arrangements in place from Monday.

- Opening the Gym to offer students more inside space.
- Making students more aware that our tennis courts are open and available for ball games (currently there are only a few students playing on them).
- Ensuring a greater range of food is available towards the end of break.



YEAR 10 INTERHOUSE RUGBY

This week saw the much anticipated match between our Year 10 teams, Team 1 and Team A. There were some outstanding performances by the existing 1st 15 rugby team players as well as from players who have not yet represented the school. Despite the rain and mud, the match was competitive and energetic with a high standard of rugby throughout. Well done to both teams. The eventual winners, by 4 tries to 2, were Team 1.

TEAM 1

- 1) A Graham (v/c)
- 2) S Johnstone
- 3) N Byrne
- 4) H Bates
- 5) K Ovens
- 8) J Bryant
- 9) I Hughes ©
- 10) C Charles
- 12) M Bird
- 13) L Best-Martinez
- 11) E Lowe
- 14) T Davies
- 15) W Cullum

TEAM A

Coach: M Dillely

- 1) F Quin
- 2) J Coulson
- 3) O Pearce (v/c)
- 4) H Robinson
- 5) O Anderson
- 8) C Ferriman
- 9) H Rickard
- 10) F Smith ©
- 12) A Cuva
- 13) S Farrell
- 11) J Badhams
- 14) B Bennesar



ENGLAND NETBALL VISIT

Our students had a fascinating visit to the Copperbox Arena in London to watch England Roses Netball team take on Uganda last Friday. Students met the England netball squad and had a training session with them, prior to watching the professionals play in one of their first home games since they won the Commonwealth Gold. Thank you to everyone who helped make this trip such a success.



TAPLOW YOUTH CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A number of Furze Platt students are appearing with the Taplow Youth Choir in their traditional Christmas Concert this Saturday at 7pm, alongside Ascot Brass. The event takes place at Windsor Parish Church and tickets, which are sold in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, are £10 on the door.

This is a very Christmassy concert complete with a full size concert brass band and large youth choir, directed by Gillian Dibden MBE, former Choral Director of the Year.



INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We have had the following information sent in, if these are of interest to your son / daughter please see the information on the links attached.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SPRING AND SUMMER SCHOOL

For details, please click on the link below:

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SPRING AND SUMMER SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM NUFFIELD FOUNDATION STEM

The Nuffield Research Placement Scheme offers Year 12 students exciting STEM placements in industry and at local organisations. Undertaking a 4 week placement will inspire and motivate students and help give them the skills and confidence they need to get a place at a top university.

SIXTH FORM NUFFIELD FOUNDATION STEM

CURRENT VACANCIES

We have the following opportunities starting as soon as possible:

PASTORAL MANAGERS

£19,160 – £21,690 pa (actual salary), depending on experience. Full time, 37 hours per week, term time only, two roles available

SIXTH FORM ADMINISTRATOR

£15,440 – £16,810 pa (actual salary), depending on experience. Part time, 32.5 hours per week, term time only plus five days

CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BODY

£12 – £15 per hour, depending on experience. Approximately 20 hours per month, must be available for evening meetings (approximately 40 hours over an academic year)

For further information about these exciting opportunities 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 is 9am, Monday 10th December 2018 and interviews will take place w/c 10th December.

CURRENT VACANCIES



200 CLUB PTFA

Many congratulations to our three lucky winners of £200 cash each, drawn at our PTFA Quiz Night last Thursday.



To be in with a chance of winning at our next draw, numbers can be purchased below:

MONTHLY PAYMENTS (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

CHRISTMAS OFFER



SKI TRIP 2020

TO LA THUILE, AOSTA VALLEY

SATURDAY 4TH – SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2020

Skiing £1,015

Snowboarding £1,025

This includes:

- travel to and from the resort on a luxury coach
- an extensive 6 day lift pass that covers both La Thuile in Italy and La Rosiere in France
- full board accommodation including dinner out at a different restaurant every night
- hotel facilities: supermarket, gym, swimming pool and large games room
- five hours of instruction per day with a supervised lunch hour.
- an exciting après ski programme.
- a fully comprehensive winter sports insurance package. (50 Euro excess on injuries)
- a full week's ski equipment hire.
- a hot lunch in one of the mountain restaurants

Open to all current Year 7-12 students who will be at the school in April 2020.

Deposits due by Friday 25th January 2019

All details available on our website at www.furzeplatt.com under 'News & Events', 'Trips and Visits - Information and Letters'.



IT'S THE
Most Wonderful
 TIME
 OF THE
Year



DON'T MISS
 SANTA ARRIVING
 BY HELICOPTER ON
 SATURDAY DECEMBER 1ST!
 SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

at Stubbings



The largest range of cut and pot grown Christmas trees

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SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Santa arrives by Helicopter

- * Santa arrives by helicopter to join his reindeer grazing on Stubbings House lawn.
- * Gates open at 10.00am.
- * Singalong carols with the Maidenhead Concert Band.
- * Glitter tattoos and photos with our princesses.
- * Biscuit decorating.
- * Pizza decorating with Barrel & Stone.
- * Photo opportunity with Santa in his Grotto.
- * Gift bag for the kids.
- * Rudolph's Trough - pop up Café.

SAT/SUN 15TH/16TH DECEMBER & THURS 20TH - MON 24TH DECEMBER

Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be browsing the tables, meeting the kids, reading a story and handing out a small gift. From 8.30am onwards.

ESSENTIAL!
 PRE-BOOKING ONLY
 FOR THESE EVENTS
 TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
WWW.STUBBINGSNURSERY.CO.UK



Fraser Fir

Needle holding:
Excellent
 Availability:
Cut & Pot Grown

Noble Fir

Needle holding:
Excellent
 Availability:
Cut & Pot Grown

Blue Spruce

Needle holding:
Fair
 Availability:
Cut & Pot Grown

Nordman Fir

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Excellent
 Availability:
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Mon - Sat:	8.00am - 5.00pm	Mon - Sat: 8.30am - 4.30pm
Sunday:	9.30am - 4.30pm	Sunday: 9.30am - 4.00pm

The Nursery and Café will be open throughout the holiday season (except Christmas Day & Boxing Day)



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