



FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #56.14



REPORTS

YEARS 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

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

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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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

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Next Week (Week 1)

Forthcoming Events

WED 19
DECEMBER

Last day of term - 12.30pm finish for students

THU 3
JANUARY

Beginning of term for 2019 (rest of Week 1)

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20

YEAR
11

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

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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.

Mr J Dollery

Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form

“WHAT DO BLACK HOLES EAT?”

FRIDAY 4TH JANUARY 2019

Vicky Fawcett, an ex-Furze Platt student, will be sharing what she is studying in her PhD at Durham University on the topic of Black Holes.

Students are invited to come along and listen to her fascinating talk on Friday 4th January, in S4 at 3.30pm.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AND SILVER AWARD WINNERS

This week Stuart Johnstone and Max Bird, two Year 10 students, hosted assemblies to give recognition to the 164 students who completed their Bronze and Silver Award during the last academic year.

All students worked hard to achieve their award, where their perseverance was tested and for many, had their first experience of staying away from home, camping and gaining independence.

The students cited they had ‘...made great and long lasting friends on the journey and have acquired skills of independence, resilience and patience. The experience was something none of us will ever forget and we all have great memories and stories of the time we had.’

Well done to everyone involved, and to those who chose to progress to the next level.



LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

FRENCH

William Atkinson, Samee Khan, Alessio Reina (Year 9)

Kyle McDonald (Year 11)

GERMAN

Damir Bajohr, Keith Cory, Elroy Colaco, Katie Pettigrew, Anna Gambrell (Year 9)

Tilly Pink-Costello, Filip Darmon, Melissa Barnby, Jake Allaker (Year 10)

Kai Drenski, Max Levenhagen, Xanthe Ashe, Katerina Despiniadis, Dan Nutbrown (Year 11)

SPANISH

Nicholas Harris (Year 7)

Gary Gardner, Emma Dawson, Jonathan Barrett, Stuart Carlaw, Lennon Davis, Harry Shrimpton (Year 10)

Ellis Murphy, Emma Cowley (Year 11)

STUDYING EMOTIONS IN ADOLESCENTS



Our partner university, Royal Holloway, is looking for participants for their study of emotions in adolescents. The study is open to any students aged 11-16 years. The procedure involves young people having their brains scanned via Magnetic Resonance Imaging while doing a series of tasks. As well as the bonus of having a free brain scan, there is a small gratification of £10 offered to each participant.

If you are interested in learning more or having your child participate, please contact the researchers directly: Rachael Lickley at rachael.lickley.2011@live.rhul.ac.uk, 07984635366.

Please note that you must accompany your child during the study, which will happen at the Royal Holloway campus in Egham.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS ON THIS STUDY](#)

TUESDAY'S TEAM EVENTS



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Final Standings

Students had to work in pairs throughout a range of fitness activities in a synchronised format to encourage communication and team work as well as the fitness element. Events included paired shuttles, burpees and box step. Well done to everyone who took part.

Overall	
1	Bray
2	Dorney
3	Marlow
4	Eton
5	Bisham
6	Henley
7	Cookham
8	Windsor

KICKBOXING



Samurai Kickboxing has started a 'Teen Cardio Kickboxing' class at Furze Platt Senior School (in the gym) Wednesdays 7.45 - 8.45pm (term time), £5 drop-in fee, 14 years +.



It's an empowering, high intensity class that incorporates Kickboxing combinations with pads.

The class is designed to motivate and challenge whilst improving strength, coordination, aerobic endurance and self-protection techniques.

Beginners welcome!

CHRISTMAS FUN AT FURZE PLATT



Our Café staff made some delicious Christmas desserts this week, they looked very jolly indeed!



CATERING ASSISTANT REQUIRED



Our Café, which is run by Innovate, is currently looking for a Catering Assistant to join their friendly team.

Term time only, 8am-5pm Monday - Friday

42.5 hours a week

For more information please contact Catering Manager Debbie Horsfall direct on 07803 796346.



REMINDERS

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.

For more information:

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

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

CERTIFICATE COLLECTION 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.

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Would you like to join the support staff team of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school?

Attendance Officer required – January start

Part time, 35 hours per week, term time only

Actual salary £18,120 - £19,870 pa depending on experience

We are looking for someone to join our growing pastoral team and work alongside key school staff. With training and support you will play a key role in communicating with students, parents/carers and external agencies to promote excellent attendance and punctuality, and reduce levels of absence in line with school ethos and the school's Attendance Policy. Your main responsibilities would be to oversee the school's electronic attendance database, update registers with authorised absences, follow up incomplete registers, contact parents/carers of students whose absence has become a concern and provide administrative support to the Associate Assistant Headteacher, Inclusion – Student Support and Achievement.

We are looking for a team player with excellent interpersonal skills and written and verbal communication skills, who are passionate about ensuring all our students thrive. High levels of confidentiality are important as well as excellent attention to detail and accuracy for recording purposes.

For further information about this role 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.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff to share this commitment. Posts are subject to an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Closing date: Monday 14th January 2019
Interviews will take place: week commencing 14th January 2019

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'.