



A - LEVEL RESULTS

A Level results 2018: A* - A – 33% [RECORD RESULT].
A 1% rise on the previous record, set last year, and a 9% rise from 2016.

A - LEVEL RESULTS

A Level results 2018: 100% pass rate in Further Maths, English Literature, History, ICT, German, French, Music, Drama, Business BTEC and Sports Studies.

CELEBRATION EVENING

Well done to all students who were awarded prizes at our Celebration Evening this week, please see our list of winners below. Thank you to our guest speaker, broadcast meteorologist Philip Avery. Many of our students have gone on to study across the country. Please click the link below to see a Destinations Map for our recent Year 13 students. We wish them all the very best of luck for the future. Pictured: Gavin Tisshaw, Chair of Governors, Philip Avery and Andrew Morrison, Headteacher.



[SIXTH FORM DESTINATIONS MAP 2018](#)

[CELEBRATION EVENING WINNERS](#)

FURZE PLATT HEADTEACHER INTERVIEW

The Maidenhead Advertiser have printed an interview with Dr Morrison. Please click the link below to read the full story.

[MAIDENHEAD ADVERTISER ARTICLE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

Next Week (Week 2)

THU 27 SEPTEMBER	Year 11 Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
	Year 10 Preparing to Succeed Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm
THU 4 OCTOBER	Whole School Open Evening	6pm - 9pm
FRI 5 OCTOBER	INSET DAY (school closes 12.45pm)	All Day
	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Training Day (Silver)	
	Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Training Day (Gold)	

Forthcoming Events

TUE 9 OCTOBER	Year 9 Preparing to Succeed Evening	7.30 - 8.30pm
THU 11 OCTOBER	Year 7 Head of House / Parents' Consultation Evening	5pm - 7pm
SUN 14 OCTOBER	Year 13 A Level Field Trip	Returning on 17 th October

[SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19](#)

YEAR 7

YEAR 10



YEARS 7 AND 10 PHOTOGRAPHS

If you wish to purchase your son or daughter's photograph, you can do so by following the instructions on the proof copy by Monday 1st October.



OPEN EVENING AND INSET DAY



Our Open Evening is on Thursday 4th October 6-9pm. Students will finish early that day in preparation for the event. There will be an INSET day on Friday 5th October, with the school closed for all students (except for those in training sessions for Duke of Edinburgh Silver and Gold Awards).

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Our Year 9 students are currently completing their physical and skill sections for their Duke of Edinburgh Award, as part of their Child Development course. Some of the group swim regularly at the Magnet Leisure Centre, practising their physical stamina, while others are taking part in the TV coaching sessions, which helps them improve their oracy under the watchful eye of the camera. Our Year 10 students are completing their voluntary section by helping at the local junior schools, Furze Platt and Courthouse. A big thank you to Miss Carty who is leading our Duke of Edinburgh programme, and to Ms Alston and Miss Paradowska who help with group supervision. Pictured: Katy and Ella-Mae with the TV coach, Tilly. More pictures to come, please watch this space.

SUPERVISED STUDY



We are offering students Supervised Study sessions Monday to Friday from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

These sessions are open to all year groups but must be booked in advance and students need to commit to the same days each week.

The sessions could help if you need:

- Help planning and structuring homework
- Access to a computer or a printer
- A quiet environment away from distractions

We ask that you:

- Be able to study independently and quietly.

For more information please see the attached letter.

[SUPERVISED STUDY LETTER](#)



CAN YOU HELP?



We are holding our annual Careers and Higher Education Fair on Thursday 29th November starting at 6pm. Every year, we host a number of universities and companies / organisations representing education choices and careers in a wide variety of establishments and industries. This event is for our students and we aim to show them a range of differing options.

If you can help out by representing your company / organisation particularly in the fields of: working with animals; anything creative; performing arts; hair and beauty; construction; childcare; retail; hospitality etc, and would be happy to talk to students about the best ways to access these careers, please email Judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net for more information.

Thank you.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH 2018 -19

Thank you to those of you who have applied to do either the Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. If you still wish to apply, please visit our website here:

[APPLY HERE](#)

You will need to complete the application form online, complete and return BXM's Medical Consent form (which you can find on our website) and log into WisePay to pay your £50 deposit no later than **Friday 28th September 2018.**

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We can offer financial assistance; if you would like to receive support, please indicate this on the application form. We do require all applicants to pay the deposit.

I hope your child has successfully identified a suitable programme of activities to complete their Award. There were a number of suggestions in the Application Pack, however students should see Miss Carty if they need support with this. Please note, all students will be enrolled from 1st August, so any activities started from then on will count.

The Confirmation and Welcome packs will be sent home after Friday 28th September, once we have had confirmation that the deposit has been paid.

If your child would like to do their Silver or Gold Award, I would be grateful if you could apply as soon as possible. The expedition training day is on Friday 5th October and participants will need to be enrolled before then. Although this date is an INSET day the school will be open for these students to attend.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH 2017- 18 CELEBRATION



Congratulations again to all our students who completed their Bronze Award during the last academic year. We will be celebrating students' success during one of their House assemblies towards the end of November where they will collect their badges and certificates from a representative of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Elizabeth Pate.

Please note: this only relates to students who are completing the award as an extra-curricular activity, not those studying DofE under Construction, Travel & Tourism or Child Development (as DofE forms part of their curriculum).

Sectional Certificates

Some students have commented that they have not received their sectional certificates. If this applies to your child, please can you email dofe@furzeplatt.net with the name of your child and the outstanding certificates, and we will arrange for them to be sent home.

NETBALL VICTORIES FOR FURZE PLATT



In the first Year 10 netball tournament of the season, both our Blue and Pink teams played with determination and spirit. Their conduct and play throughout the tournament was excellent.

Blue team drew 2-2 against Claires Court A and beat Windsor Girls School A 6-1.



Pink team drew against Holyport B and Newlands B and beat Charters B.



Congratulations to all our players.

FURZE PLATT STUDENTS' SCOUTING SUCCESS



A fantastic result by three Year 11 Furze Platt students who were the first U18 crew to finish in the Great River Race. The race, 21.6 miles from London Docklands to Ham in Surrey, attracts over 330 crews worldwide. Rowing in Enigma were Amber Hemsley, Hannah Trueman and Sam Davies.



ALUMNI

Ex Furze Platt student Joshua Reynolds has been selected as the Maidenhead Liberal Democrats' new prospective Parliamentary candidate.



According to their website, he has already negotiated a sabbatical from his degree course at Cardiff Metropolitan University should an election be called, and is prepared for a long postponement when he is elected. Please see the link below for further information.

[LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WEBSITE](#)



Many thanks to everyone who attended the first meeting of the academic year. It was great to see so many friendly faces.

Main points:

- Funding was agreed for Drama equipment following a request from the Head of Drama
- We now have almost 100 entrants in our 200 Club. This is the maximum number who can join and it means the prizes will be even bigger, as well as the school gaining more money from this. If you would like to support the school but cannot attend meetings or help out at events, this is the perfect solution for you! Our next draw, with 3 lucky winners, will be in November – date to be confirmed. For more details, please click the link below:

[200 CLUB](#)

- Next meeting Wednesday 7th November, 6pm in the Meeting Room, all welcome.



REMINDERS



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Every term, students are invited to attend clubs that are of interest to them and we encourage attendance. Please see the attached link which will show you all those on offer this term:

For students in Year 9, 10 and 12, we also offer the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

[PE CLUB TIMETABLE](#)

YEAR 7 YEAR 8

HOME LEARNING AT FURZE PLATT

Home learning timetables for Years 7 and 8 are now available on the Furze Platt website and students will be given paper copies next week. Home learning for Years 7 and 8 should take half an hour per piece.

Years 9-11 do not have home learning timetables but will be issued two pieces of home learning for English and Maths and one piece for other subjects per week. Home learning for these year groups should take an hour per piece.

All home learning is set on Show My Homework. Logins for Year 7 parents were issued at yesterday's information evening; those parents who were unable to make this event will get their logins via their sons and daughters. The Show My Homework website and app are excellent ways for parents to check what home learning has been set, and ensure that it has been completed appropriately. If other parents do not have their logins then they should contact the school office.

Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher

[YEAR 7 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLE 2018 - 2019](#)

[YEAR 8 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLE 2018 - 2019](#)



YEARS 7, 12 AND 13 'PREPARING TO SUCCEED' EVENINGS

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent informative presentations for Years 7, 12 and 13. For parents of our Year 7 students, please see the tab on our website 'New Parents' for a wealth of information.

[YEAR 7 PREPARING TO SUCCEED PRESENTATION](#)

[YEAR 12 PREPARING TO SUCCEED PRESENTATION](#)

[YEAR 13 PREPARE TO SUCCEED PRESENTATION](#)

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Please support us with your Green Redeem points. The more points we receive by the end of this six month term, the more funding we will receive.

Thank you.

[GREEN REDEEM POINTS](#)

WisePay
Software Services

WisePay app is now ready for use on Apple and Android. Our organisation code is 67367869.

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**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL



Open Evening
Thursday 4th Oct 2018
All Welcome

School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2018
All Welcome*

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*Places on these events must be booked in advance.

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If you have any news items you wish to feature in our newsletter please email: media@furzeplatt.net

Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ A broad, stimulating and rewarding education for girls and boys
- ▶ Outstanding academic, sporting and 'the arts' facilities
- ▶ Supportive transition activities for all our Year 7 students
- ▶ A wealth of extra-curricular interests, trips and visits

'An increased number of pupils achieved top grades at key stage 4 [and] made very strong progress in both academic and vocational subjects. The most able make similar or greater progress than other pupils nationally.'

- Ofsted



How to find us:



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'Pupils achieve
highly at this
school'
- Ofsted 2016

Maidenhead's Secondary Schools OPEN EVENINGS

Dear Parents...

The teachers and governors of the secondary schools in Maidenhead believe that parents should be given every opportunity to indicate an informed preference for secondary education. Our schools are working together to assist you in coming to the most appropriate preference.

The following secondary schools in Maidenhead all approach excellence in education in their own particular way. You will be a welcome guest at the Open Evenings which will be organised by each of us individually. Our aim is to do everything possible to provide you with relevant information about our schools.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Dimbleby, Headteacher, Altwood Church of England School.
Ms F Walsh, Headteacher, Cox Green School.
Mr P Frazer, Principal, Desborough College.
Dr A Morrison, Headteacher, Furze Platt Senior School.
Dr L V Ceska, Headteacher, Newlands Girls' School.



For children seeking school admission in September 2019

Altwood C of E School



**Thursday 13th
September 2018
6.30pm – 9pm**

The Headteacher, staff, students and Governors warmly invite you to our Open Evening.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come and meet our strong and committed team of staff and see our talented students at work.

The Headteacher will give an address at 7.30pm. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet with the Headteacher, staff, students and Governors. You will also see the School's excellent resources and facilities and find out how students are enabled to aspire and achieve.

Should you wish to see the School during a normal working day, we would encourage you to attend one of our Open Mornings on either 2nd, 4th or 16th October starting at 9.45am through to 11.00am. Alternatively if any of these dates are not convenient, please contact the Headteacher's PA for a tour of the School to be arranged.

Our mission is:

- to be a high achieving academic community
- to identify and develop the full potential of every member of our community and give them the skills and qualifications they need to achieve their ambition
- to do this within the context of the culture and values of the Christian faith, emphasising the strong moral and spiritual values shared with other faiths

We look forward to welcoming you to Altwood and offer you the chance to hear from our current Year 7 students about their experiences of our transition programme and excellent induction for life in a secondary school. The students will explain what makes Altwood exciting and unique.

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www.altwoodschool.co.uk

'Aspire and Achieve'

Headteacher: Mr N Dimbleby,
B.Ed (Hons) NPQH

Cox Green School



**Tuesday 18th
September 2018
5pm – 8pm**

The Headteacher, staff and Governors are delighted to invite you to Cox Green's Open Evening.

We are very proud of our school: we are fiercely committed to providing an education of the highest quality to all of our students and value our strong sense of community.

Our staff are dedicated to delivering highly inspirational and strong curricula across the board, providing positive and exciting learning experiences within a secure and happy environment.

Our students receive the support and encouragement they need to become successful, confident and mature young people.

We seek to build active partnerships with our parents, based on shared goals and supported by clear and regular communication.

The Open Evening will provide you with an opportunity to meet our highly dedicated staff and our fantastic students. You will be able to view the high standard of work that leads to our excellent examination results, and see the result of the £4.7m investment into the school, including our amazing new teaching spaces and dining facility.

The Headteacher will make her address at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm and she would be delighted to talk to any parents/carers afterwards.

Should you wish to see our School during a working day, you are very welcome.

Open Mornings will be held on Monday 1st October, Thursday 11th October and Wednesday 17th October between 9.15am and 10.15am. Please contact the school for more details on enquiries@coxgreen.com.

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'Committed to Achievement'

Headteacher: Ms F Walsh
MA

Desborough College



**Tuesday 2nd
October 2018
6pm – 9pm**

The Principal, staff and trustees warmly invite you to learn more about The Desborough Way at our Open Evening on 2 October. The school will be open to parents and boys for tours from 6pm onwards. The Principal will give an address in the main hall at 6.30pm and 7.30pm, and he, together with our staff and partners from Radley College will be available to talk to parents during the evening.

Visitors will be invited to visit our classrooms, newly built performing arts centre, STEM room and enviable sports facilities, where our students will be working with their teachers. Your son will have the opportunity to join in with the projects and experiments taking place and experience a sample of life at Desborough and you, as a parent, will come to appreciate the benefits of single-sex education and understand how Desborough has transformed itself over recent years and achieved spectacular improvements in examination results and a 'Good' Ofsted judgement in September 2014.

We particularly invite you all to visit our exciting and innovative Year 7 Base – a specially designed building with its own suite of classrooms and playground. This is a unique facility that removes all of the anxieties that boys (and parents) feel when moving to the secondary phase of their education and at the same time accelerating their academic progress.

If you would like to arrange a further, more personalised tour of the School during the working day, please telephone the School to arrange a visit.

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www.desborough.org.uk

'Enjoy, Compete, Achieve'

Principal: Mr P Frazer,
BA (Hons)

Furze Platt Senior School



**Thursday 4th
October 2018
6pm – 9pm**

The Headteacher, staff and governors warmly invite you to our Open Evening.

We are rightly proud of the excellent education we offer at Furze Platt. Students thrive due to the strong teaching and high quality support for personal development we provide. Standards are very high at the school and students make outstanding progress. Our curriculum combines a strong academic core with strength and breadth in the arts, computing and technology.

Our confident and enthusiastic students will escort visitors on a guided tour of the school to see the exceptionally high standard of work achieved by our students and our outstanding resources. These include our new Leisure Centre and our state-of-the-art facilities for mathematics, drama, dance and music. Our highly qualified staff will be available to greet visitors and explain how we achieve our excellent results. Yet again, we are celebrating record breaking exam results in 2017. We are very proud of our happy and caring learning community.

The Headteacher will give an address at 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the main hall.

We also welcome parents to visit our school during the working day in order to see great learning in action. Tours will take place in September. Please telephone the school to arrange a visit.

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'Learning Together'

Headteacher: Dr A Morrison,
BA (Hons), MA, PhD

Newlands Girls' School



**Tuesday 2nd
October 2018
5pm – 8pm**

The Headteacher, staff, girls and Governors warmly invite you to our highly successful school.

Our happy and confident Sixth Formers will take you on a guided tour, where you can experience first-hand all that we have to offer here at Newlands.

You will see our facilities and our classrooms, where resources and girls' work will be on display. During the course of the evening, pupils will be taking part in music and drama rehearsals and sports activities, enabling you to see their enthusiasm and engagement. Our dedicated, highly qualified and expert teachers will be on hand to talk to you about how they help all our girls to achieve their full potential.

Do not miss out on the presentation from the Headteacher and Head Girls at 5.15pm or 6.15pm in the School Hall.

We are designated as a high-performing school and we achieve outstanding academic results within a caring and supportive environment. There are also extensive opportunities for all-round development such as competitive sports, pupil leadership, school trips, public speaking, Latin Club and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Our girls also enjoy individual voice and instrumental tuition and are able to participate in a wide range of musical and drama groups.

Parents who are unable to attend the Open Evening or who wish to have a personal tour and informal meeting with the Headteacher should telephone the School Office on 01628 625068.

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'Vincit Veritas'

Headteacher: Dr L V Ceska