



ARMISTICE DAY ASSEMBLIES



Our students remembered the anniversary of the armistice of the First World War in a series of moving assemblies this week.



"Between 1914 and 1918, 32 nations across the world fought in the First World War, 37.5 million people were injured or died as a direct result of the war and approximately 230 soldiers died for every hour of fighting that happened.

On the Sunday nearest to 11th November at 11am each year, a Remembrance Service is held at the Cenotaph to commemorate servicemen and women who died in the two World Wars and later conflicts. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission aims to honour the 1.7 million men and women who died in the First and Second World Wars and there are 61 Commonwealth war graves at All Saints Cemetery in Maidenhead.

We remember so that we do not forget and to prevent the sort of conflict that happened between 1914 and 1918 from happening again. And yet conflict remains in the world. It is estimated that 187 million people died from war in the 20th century alone and that there has been little real peace since the First World War began in 1914. In this week running up



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 2)

MON 12 NOVEMBER	Parents' Community Group	6pm - 7pm
WED 14 NOVEMBER	Year 12 Safe Drive Stay Alive	Within school time

Forthcoming Events

TUES 27 NOVEMBER	Year 12 Warwick University (Biology in Action Study Day)	All Day
THU 29 NOVEMBER	Year 10 - Theatre Trip - Blood Brothers	4.30pm - 11.30pm
	Careers & Higher Education Fair	6pm - 8pm
FRI 30 NOVEMBER	INSET DAY	All Day
	Years 7, 8 and 9 Netball Olympic Park	12.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20

to Armistice Day, we rightly remember the casualties and conflict of the First World War. But as we also begin to remember others who were affected by this conflict, let us now also remember those affected by conflict in 2018, and hope for a lasting peace around the world."

Thank you to students Anya Idrizi, Anya Clayton, Hayden Paul, Caitlin Roberts, Zachary Shepherd, Tia Seamons, Ashvath Kumar, Leeya Weitz, Nathan Hedges, James Henwood, Zoha Naser and Daniel Brant for their readings, and to Anna Gambrill who played the Last Post.

PLAYING THE LAST POST



By Anna Gambrill

At first the Last Post was a piece I dreaded playing. It was, and still is, difficult. However, having pushed past the initial terror of having to perform a scarily difficult piece in front of an audience, I have come to respect it. If you play the Last

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Post right, it can never be played the exact same way twice. You get to pull the piece apart, some bits you might play slower than the original speed, and some bits you play faster. For me this

reflects the changeability of war and how it can go from calm to manic in a couple of seconds. Even I don't know quite how I'm going to play the piece each time I come to it, like the soldiers never knew quite how they were going to fight each day they went out to battle.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Monday 12th - Friday 16th November

Anti-Bullying week runs from the 12th - 16th November. All next week students will be working to develop their understanding of bullying and how it is tackled as well as helping to develop Furze Platt's anti bullying policy.

Students will be tweeting anti-bullying messages to the wider community in a student Twitter takeover, helping develop a new slogan for anti-bullying, contributing anti-bullying messages around the school and we will also be recruiting for the first time anti-bullying student ambassadors. You can see more about anti-bullying week on social media with the hashtag #antibullyingweek.

TOP 100 REWARD



Pictured, Matthew Godwin enjoying pizza with three of his friends. This is his reward for being one of the Top 100 students in the school, there are many more prizes on offer for students to take part in. Well done to him.



YEAR 10 NETBALL TEAM



Well done also to all our girls who played in the RBWM Netball League this week. The games were extremely fast paced and the girls played brilliantly.

- Florence Checkley
- Ava Neeves
- Caitlin Jee
- Daisy Stibbs
- Amelia Gilbert
- Lauren Tagne
- Freya Willcock



DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Expedition Information

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent meeting with BXM about the expeditions for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. At school, students can speak to Rose, our DofE Ambassador and Paul, our DofE Young Leader if they would like further information. Bronze and Silver Assessor's reports have been uploaded to the website and can be found here, along with information about each level:

[DUKE OF EDINBURGH INFORMATION](#)

YEAR 10 CONSTRUCTION



BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Great result by our Year 10 Construction group, who have constructed a bike with support from Roger Wayte from Maidenhead Cycle Hub.

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The group have been working with Maidenhead Cycle Hub for the volunteering section of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Pictured- Noemie Roels, Maan Kafori, Tom Stimson, Kieron Maddox, Taylor Barry

information. We always welcome raffle prizes to make the evening even more fun and to raise even more money for our school. We would welcome good quality unused gifts, alcohol or services such as cake baking, photography etc. Please email jeff@iifa.co.uk if you can help.

THE BIG QUIZ 7

THE BIG QUIZ - BOOK TICKETS

CYCLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

As the winter months draw in, please be aware that students who cycle to and from school should be visible to other road users. Lights should be in perfect working order, plus reflective strips if possible, to ensure that students stay safe on the road. Thank you.



Our PTFA is very successful, raising thousands of pounds to purchase equipment and resources to further improve the school. At this week's meeting, the following requests were generously approved:

Drama	£777.75
Skeleton	£555.00
PE	£360.00
Science Club	£500.00

The £1,500 pledge for Greenpower has been ringfenced and will be released once the remaining £1,500 has been raised.

QUIZ NIGHT: Our very successful Quiz Night returns on Friday 23rd November at 7.30pm. Please see the advertisement below to book tickets and for more

200 CLUB: We invite all our parents to join the 200 Club. Numbers are drawn 4 x per year (once per quarter). We now have over 100 numbers in play which means that three lucky winners will win £200 per draw. More numbers in play means even bigger prizes!

Please click below to purchase your numbers:

- MONTHLY PAYMENTS (£5 PER MONTH)**
- ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)**

MONTHLY PARENTS' PACK

APPRENTICESHIP RESOURCES

The first National Apprenticeship Service Parents' Pack is now available and is full of resources aimed at helping parents understand the benefits of apprenticeships.

The pack can be downloaded for free on the Amazing Apprenticeships.

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Singing Taster Sessions

Ryan Hunt, our singing teacher from Berkshire Maestros, will be holding Singing Taster Sessions (open to all) on Friday 16th November. If your child is interested in weekly

singing lessons and they would like to have a taste of what singing lessons entail, please email anna.bradley@furzeplatt.net to sign up. This taster session will be free. (Prices for singing lessons through Berkshire Maestros are £9.60 per group lesson or £17.30 per 20 minute individual lesson).

Music Clubs programme:

We have an exciting programme of Music Clubs every morning in the Music Department. We always welcome new faces. For more information, please see Mr Forster in MU1.

Time	Place	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Registration 8:45 – 9:10	MU1	<u>Choir</u> ALL year groups	<u>Chamber Choir</u> Year 9-13		<u>Ukulele Group</u> ALL years	<u>Girls Choir</u> ALL years (Student Led)
	Studio				<u>Jazz Band</u> Year 9-13 (Grade 3 or above)	<u>Boys Choir</u> ALL years (Student Led)
Break 2	Studio			<u>GLEE</u> Invitation only (Student Led)	<u>GLEE</u> Invitation only (Student Led)	<u>Ladz Choir</u> Invitation only (Student Led)

SCHOOL TRIPS AND VISITS

For information on any of our school trips and visits, please click the link below.

[SCHOOL TRIPS AND VISITS - INFORMATION](#)

REMINDERS

BORNEO INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 30th October

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed Dr. Heather Gilbert who gave a talk about the upcoming school expedition to Borneo in 2020. Dr. Gilbert works for Operation Wallacea as their Regional Director of Research and her talk included an insightful look at what the expedition would involve. She talked in detail about the importance of conservation in the region and some of the threats to the very diverse flora and fauna. She highlighted the direct effect our students could have in protecting the habitats in this part of the world. The evening was incredibly well attended and we look forward to receiving applications from students who are interested in this unique experience.

If you are currently in Years 11 or 12 and wish to apply to go on this expedition, please submit a letter to either Mr Molin or Dr Scott detailing why you should be considered for the trip. Please include what you are

BORNEO INFORMATION EVENING (CONT.)

YEAR 11 YEAR 12

currently studying and what you hope to study in Sixth Form and post Furze Platt, what you hope to get out of the trip and how you think you will raise the funds for your expedition (no more than a side of A4). Please note the deadline for applications is Friday 9th November (today).

Mr. A Molin and Dr M Scott, Expedition leaders

RELAUNCH: TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL FITNESS

In order to deal with the volume of students wishing to participate in these popular sessions we will be introducing a booking system. The booking register will be held at sick bay and students can register at Break 1 or Break 2 by writing their names down on the appropriate page.

Students who have booked in will have priority when arriving at 3.25pm. Any students turning up at the door may still enter as long as the Fitness Centre is not too busy. This will be at the member of staff's discretion.

On arrival students will select from the desk which workout programme, or programmes, they wish to follow. Exemptions will only be made if the student is currently following their own workout plan which they must produce to the member of staff for approval.

Whilst all reasonable care will be taken to ensure the students are all safe, the club requires that the student exercises in the appropriate way with the age appropriate equipment. Students have all received a gym induction within their lessons and should not under any circumstances use equipment that they have not been inducted upon and/or feel they cannot use safely.

Any student not following the above will be asked to leave the gym.

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Thursday 29th November

Our sixth Careers and Higher Education Fair will be held at school this November with representatives from a number of universities, employers and apprenticeships showing how our students can access various career and higher education paths. More details to follow.

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

SIXTH FORM ADMINISTRATOR

Part time, 29 Hours per week, Monday to Friday term time only plus 5 days

Actual Salary £12,910 - £13,630 pa depending on experience

We are looking for someone with excellent communication and organisational skills to provide a high quality administrative support for the Head of Sixth Form. You will support the Head of Sixth Form in the organisation of specific Sixth Form events such as Open Evening, Year 12 Taster Days, Year 12 induction day and other events. You will also be responsible for collecting, collating and presenting data using ICT and other internal systems, for analysis by the Head of Sixth Form and for assisting the school data team with the Sixth Form Census return. Other administrative duties include diary organisation, general correspondence, co-ordinating requests for references for alumni and stationery orders for the department and co-ordinating data for our school website and internal Sixth Form systems.

If you are a team player with experience of using Microsoft Office, particularly Excel and you would enjoy working in an education environment please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com for further information. Application forms should be returned to gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

SENIOR COVER SUPERVISOR

Part time, 31.25 Hours per week, Monday to Friday term time only

Actual Salary £16,180 - £17,740 pa depending on experience

We are looking for someone with excellent communication skills and confidence working with secondary school students to lead our team of Cover Supervisors in their supervision of classes during the short-term absence of the assigned teacher as well as provide cover. You will lead the team of Cover Supervisors in relation to induction training, performance management, development and co-ordination. You would be the key point of contact and liaise with staff, including the Senior Leadership Team regarding cover. Ensure that cover work is delivered to students using the tools provided, including completing the class register, managing the behaviour of students whilst in the classroom within the guidelines of the school's behaviour policy.

If you are a team player who is interested in working with young people in a classroom environment, perhaps with previous experience as a Cover Supervisor in an educational environment please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com. Application forms should be returned to gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Closing date: Wednesday 14th November 2018, 9.00 am
Interviews will take place: week commencing 19th November 2018



THE BIG QUIZ 7

Friday 23rd November 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'.



£15

per person



MAX.6

people per table

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



FOOD

Giant Pan Catering from
Ashridge Delicious

Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons Forestiere and Cassoulet



PLUS

bar & prize raffle

BOOK TICKETS

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Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

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SENIOR SCHOOL

PEDAL FOR A CAUSE

24 November 2018

Ride the Bike
#powerthelights



Join **Active Health Clinics** at the
Maidenhead Christmas
Lights Switch On
9am - 7pm

Raise Funds for Local Charities



Charity number: 1170288



Maidenhead
CYCLEHUB

Charity number: 1164172

Ways to Get Involved:

- Put a team together and get sponsored to **ride and power the lights**
- Ride for a chance to **win a prize** for the furthest ride in 2 mins

For more information on how to get involved contact us at:
01628 626565 info@activehealthclinics.com

Learn to teach in some of the country's most successful secondary schools

Secondary Teacher Training Opportunities in Maidenhead

Join us at a Train to Teach event on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at Reading University, London Road Campus, Building L22, Room GO3 from 4.30pm to 7.30pm

TEACH MAIDENHEAD

In partnership with the Institute of Education



Teach Maidenhead is the foremost teacher training provider west of London, providing tuition-fee and salaried secondary School Direct places in a wide range of subjects. Founded in 2013, the partnership consists of five secondary schools in the Maidenhead area. We offer a unique school-based learning opportunity in partnership with the University of Reading where intensive subject based training is delivered. Trainees gain QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) and PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) as well as 60 credits towards a Master's Degree.

If you are interested in further information please join us at the Train to Teach event at Reading University on Wednesday 7th November.



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DESBOROUGH COLLEGE



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