



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



NEW TEACHING BLOCK AND NEW HALL: FREE EVENT - INVITATION TO PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

We are delighted to confirm that construction of our new teaching block will commence during the Easter holidays. This is the first of two phases of site improvement and expansion:



Phase 1: April 2018-February 2019

Construction of new teaching block, with 4 new Science classrooms and 12 teaching rooms. This is being built towards the rear of the school, on the site currently occupied by one Science laboratory and two Philosophy and Religion classrooms.

Phase 2: February 2019-November 2019

Construction of second, additional hall. This will replace the current (old) gym and will also result in the demolition of four classrooms.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ALL EVENTS
- SPORTS CALENDAR
- SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 2)

TUES 27 MARCH	Parents' Information Evening - Construction of New Teaching Building and New Hall - Free Event	<i>6pm</i>
CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP (FREE)		
THU 29 MARCH	End of Term 3	<i>12.30pm finish</i>
FRI 30 - FRI 13 MARCH APRIL	Spring Holidays	
Forthcoming Events		
SAT 31 - SUN 8 MARCH APRIL	Ski Trip 2018	
MON 16 APRIL	Start of Term 4 (Week 1)	<i>8.40 am start</i>
THU 19 APRIL	Year 9 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	<i>4.15pm - 7.15pm</i>



These are very exciting developments that will considerably enhance students' experience in and out of lessons. Great care and attention has been taken to minimise the impact on students and staff during the

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construction process. Four classrooms will be re-roomed, and new timetables will be issued to all students after Easter. We are working very closely with the contractors to ensure that any noise is kept to an absolute minimum, and that both lessons and, of course, examinations, are unaffected. New routes around school have already been devised, and will be shared with students after Easter.

I would like to invite interested parents to a Parents' Information Evening, to be held on Tuesday 27th March at 6pm. This will be in the Hall or a designated classroom, depending on numbers. If you would like to sign up, please do so via the link below.

Thank you

Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP \(FREE\)](#)

BTEC BUSINESS EXAMINATION PART A AND PART B - DATES

Part A - from Monday 16th April (in class)

Part B - 3 hour exam Monday 30th April

I am writing to inform you of the dates of the forthcoming BTEC Business exam your child will be sitting next month.

Unit 2 – Developing a Marketing Campaign is split into two parts:

Part A – This consists of six hours preparation period where the students will gather data based on a set scenario that they will be given at the beginning of session 1. This will take place in Business lessons from Monday 16th April. This is classed as having low level control which means it will be completed in lessons and with access to the internet. Students will be required to complete six sides of A4 paper which they will be allowed to take into the controlled exam (Part B).

Please note: an external exam register is still taken and any absence must be certified by yourself or a doctor for the student.

Part B – The exam is set during a three hour period which is taken by all BTEC Business students at the same time and takes place in one session. This has a high level of control which means it will be completed without the internet, with an invigilator and the work will be sent away to be externally assessed. This session will take place on **MONDAY 30th APRIL** from 9am. Again an external examination register is taken so any absence must be certified by yourself or a doctor.

If you have any queries about this please contact me at lucy.naylor@furzeplatt.net and I will be happy to discuss this further.

Miss L Naylor, Head of Business and Economics

YEAR 9 PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING

Thursday 19th April 2018, 4.15 - 7.15pm

On Thursday 19th April there will be a consultation evening for Year 9 parents.

We request that parents limit conversation to a maximum of five minutes with each member of staff. If you feel that you need to have a more in depth discussion, please would you make a separate appointment with the individual teacher. Attendance by your son/daughter is not compulsory.

Parents who book up first will have the most flexibility. Bookings will be opened up early next week, we will inform you via Parentmail when the bookings open.

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REPORTS

Year 12 and Year 13r reports have 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 Parents, then Reports or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com.

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

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager



SCHOOL NEWS

MUFTI DAY

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent Mufti Day. We raised over £2100, which will be split equally between helping to fund additional breacktime equipment and Cookham's House charity; The Brett Foundation.

LAST CHOIR STANDING

Each House chose a signature song and rehearsed it in form time to create a House choir. The performances were videoed and each form then voted for their favourite. Well done to Bisham House, who won with their rendition of "Revoltin' Children" from the musical, Matilda.

ESAA XC - ATHLETICIS

Congratulations to Frank McGrath (Junior Boys) who finished 89th out of 356 finishers in the English Schools XC Championship, held in Leeds at the weekend. The English

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Schools Championships are always seen as the most important race of the XC season.

He was part of the Berkshire Schools team which finished 10th out of 45 counties.

Well done Frank!



HERB BOXES

Completed herb boxes (pictured), made by our Year 10 Construction group. Pictured Zac Hudson- Clark and Daniel J Webb



COMMUNITY NEWS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE SUPPORT STAFF TEAM OF AN EXTREMELY POPULAR AND EXPANDING SECONDARY SCHOOL?



ASSISTANT SITE CONTROLLER

CLEANERS

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

BIG QUIZ 6

7.30pm, Friday 11th May

After the record-breaking turnout of 20 teams for Big Quiz 5 make sure you book early for our next quiz on Friday 11th May. Jeff and Oz will be your quizmasters, with questions, music and fun team challenges. Teams of up to six, food and bar available. The next 200 Club winners will be drawn at the quiz.



CLICK HERE TO BOOK TICKETS



JOIN THE 200 CLUB TODAY!



Many congratulations to our three 200 Club Winners who are £170 richer after our last draw which took place just before the Finale performance of The Addams Family.

To be in with a chance of winning hundreds of pounds by joining our 200 club, please click the link below.

200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 2

on Thursday 8th February 2018



HOW DOES THE 200 CLUB WORK?

ANNUAL PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

LAST YEAR, 13 STUDENTS FROM FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL TOOK PART IN THE NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE.



Now it's your turn!

I am delighted to inform you that this year your teenager is being given the opportunity to sign up to the NCS Summer 2018 programme, a government-funded programme for 15-17 year olds.



NCS is a part-residential programme that lasts for 18 days over the Summer holiday, focusing on physical, personal and creative challenges. This once-in-a-lifetime experience empowers young people, enabling them to build the skills and confidence to get ahead in work and life, whilst engaging with their local community.

Furze Platt Senior School has invited NCS representatives to conduct PSHE sessions in March 2018, in which your young person will learn everything there is to know about NCS and have the chance to express an interest in the programme.

The dates for Summer 2018 are available online, and places have started to fill up already! I would therefore recommend anybody who is excited by this opportunity should head online and book their place as soon as possible.

To find out more about NCS and to book your place, visit www.ncsthechallenge.org or contact our dedicated customer services team via the details below.

Jessica Batty, NCS Coordinator

0203 510 5050

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EARTH HOUR 2018

Saturday 24th March 8.30 pm

Earth Hour is an annual event which many people and organisations mark by switching lights off between 8.30pm and 9.30 pm. This year they are also asking people to sign up to make a promise to the planet which includes relatively simple things like:

- Using reusable coffee cups
- Eating less meat
- Refusing plastic cutlery, straws etc

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Bronze Training day Saturday 24th March 9-4.30pm

(please arrive at 8.50am in the School Gym for a prompt start).

Please note: students who do not attend the training day will not be able to take part in the expedition.

Please bring pen, paper, packed lunch plus completed medical form if not already returned to us.

Students will now need to get their assessors reports signed off for their 3 month sections.

Please may I remind you that students can access their D of E ID number when they log into EDofE.

We would love to share your child's progress of their award. If you have any photos, please forward them to dofe@furzeplatt.net



(pictured: one of our DofE Silver groups planning their expedition route)

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager

BRONZE ASSESSOR REPORT PACK

BRONZE BMX MEDICAL CONSENT FORM



REMINDERS

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VIEW REPORT

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YEAR 11 EASTER REVISION SESSIONS

Please note the deadline for booking on to our Easter revision sessions has now passed.



Learning Together

Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead,

Berkshire SL6 7NQ

Tel: 01628 625308

Email: office@furzeplatt.com

Website: www.furzeplatt.com

Would you like to join the support staff team of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school? We are currently looking for:

Assistant Site Controller

Full time, 37 hours per week. Actual salary range £16,993-£17,728 pa depending on experience (pay review pending)

We are looking for a team player, with good communication and time-management skills who is able to undertake minor maintenance activities such as repairs, painting and cleaning and other general maintenance. You would be joining the site team as the school embarks on an exciting expansion project.

You will assist the Site and Facilities Manager in ensuring that the school buildings and site are maintained to a high standard and are secure. Other responsibilities include storing equipment and materials safely and securely, completing records and other associated paperwork and supporting our teaching and support staff with moving furniture and other equipment. Working hours to be considered within a daily time period of 8am to 9pm. A comprehensive induction and ongoing support from the existing site team will be available.

Learning Support Assistant, Monday to Friday, 8.45am start Term time only, 30 hours per week

Actual salary range £11,640 to £12,140 pa depending on experience (pay review pending)

Do you enjoy interacting and working with young people? Are you willing to learn about young people with special educational needs who need support and equal access to opportunities to learn and develop?

We are looking for a Learning Support Assistant to join a strong team of LSAs and work alongside one or possibly several students in our school. The successful applicant will work under the direction of teaching staff and help these students access the curriculum as appropriate. Other responsibilities include providing support and encouragement to students enabling them to complete tasks to the best of their ability and across all subjects and helping students establish positive relationships with their peers through the development of their social and communication skills.

If you are an effective and confident communicator and team player, who works well with a minimum of supervision and able to manage students effectively in a classroom setting then we would like to hear from you. A comprehensive induction will be offered as well as ongoing support from the school's SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator).

For further information about these exciting roles 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: Monday 16th April at 9.00am • Interviews: w/c Monday 16th April onwards
Furze Platt Senior School is committed to the protection and safety of its students. Posts are subject to an enhanced disclosure by the Disclosure Barring Service.

SKI TRIP 2019

TO LA THUILE, AOSTA VALLEY

SATURDAY 13TH – SUNDAY 21ST 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](#)

EXTENDED DEADLINE - DEPOSITS DUE BY THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2018



THE BIG QUIZ

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Friday 11th May 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'.



per person



people per table

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



Giant Pan Catering from Ashridge Delicious Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons Forestiere and Cassoulet



bar & prize raffle

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK TICKETS](#)

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