

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #56.4



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.

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

OPEN DAY

Thursday 4th October, 6pm - 9pm

Students will be leaving school at 12.45pm. We have a number of students coming back to help, thank you to everyone who has offered. We look forward to meeting many of our current students' younger siblings there too.

INSET DAY

Friday 5th October

School will be closed to all students (apart from our Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh students who have their training day).



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 1)

THU 4 OCTOBER	Whole School Open Evening (school closes at 12.45pm for all students)	6pm - 9pm
FRI 5 OCTOBER	INSET DAY (school closed all day)	All Day
	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Training Day (Silver)	tbc
	Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Training Day (Gold)	tbc

Forthcoming Events

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
FRI 19 OCTOBER	Last day of Term	

IMPORTANT LETTERS THIS WEEK:

ENGLISH - YEARS 10/11 - ROYAL SHAKESPEARE CO.

PHYSICS - SIXTH FORM - CERN, GENEVA

ENGLISH COMPETITION WINNERS

Well done to everyone who took part in our English Department's Summer Reads Competition.

The English Department challenged the students of Furze Platt to either review or design a poster promoting a book that they had read over the summer. The competition attracted over 90 entries with some outstanding writing. Sincere congratulations to all those who entered and especially to our winners; the top ten entries are displayed in the English Block.

The winners are:

1st place - Georgia Owen (Year 7)

Joint 2nd place - Kornelia Jankowska, Grace Wilkinson (both Year 8)

Joint 3rd place - Florence Leo (Year 7), Finnley Tanner (Year 8).

YEAR 7 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR 8 BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

INTERNATIONAL CAKE BAKE COMPETITION

A huge thank you to all students who participated in our International Cake Bake, be that baking or purchasing!

Your generosity has raised an amazing **£61.70** to be donated to a charity decided by the winners:

1st place: Caitlyn Back, Lilly Vann (both Year 8)

2nd place: Jessica Thomas (Year 7)

3rd place: Anya Clayton (Year 9)



SUMMER TRIPS ABROAD

During the summer, a number of our students visited other countries to volunteer and assist with research. Oliva Webster (Year 13) went to Ghana, along with other international volunteers, to help teach young people English and Maths. You can read her inspirational account below.



A group of intrepid Sixth Formers, along with Mr Molin and Dr Scott, visited the beautiful country of Indonesia to aid researchers there. Zac Gordon-Smith, also in Year 13, has written a detailed and vivid account of the group's activities. Thank you to both Olivia and Zac for sharing their experiences with us.

GHANA TRIP BY OLIVIA WEBSTER

INDONESIA TRIP BY ZAC GORDON-SMITH

YEAR 9 TOURISM TRIP TO LONDON



On Wednesday 26th September our Year 9 Tourism group had their first visit investigating tourist attractions in London. Having arrived by train at Waterloo Station they walked along the South Bank stopping at the Millennium Bridge, The Globe Theatre, The Tate Modern, The South Bank Centre, and The London Eye. At each location they had to find out information about each attraction such as opening times and cost of admission as well as carrying out a survey about the types of visitors at each attraction. This links to the first unit they are studying - 'Understanding the appeal of Tourist Destinations in the UK'.



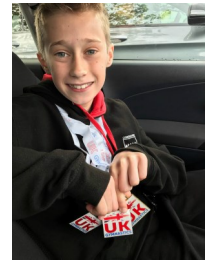
SPORTS SUCCESS

Our Year 7B team kicked off the netball season last night with their opening tournament. Their determination shone through and they should be very proud of how they played.



In the UK Gymnastics National Level 8 competition, Maddie Bird, Amy Lillywhite (both Year 9) and Ben Kkais (Year 7) had great success.

Amy won Gold on beam and vault, Silver on floor, Bronze on bars and Gold overall. Maddie won Silver on vault and bars, Bronze on floor and Bronze overall. Both girls did fantastically and have now levelled up to Level 7, which is a great achievement. Ben won Gold on floor, Silver on high bar and Silver overall.



Pictured: Maddie, Amy and Ben with their medals.

PE CLUB TIMETABLE

LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

FRENCH

John Hern Year 7, Mia Lawrence Year 8
Sean Wilson Year 10, Caitlin Roberts Year 8

GERMAN

Damir Bajohr Year 9, Callum Bleazard Year 8
Abbie Harley Waters Year 7, Jessica Thomas Year 7

SPANISH

Chloe Savage Year 11, Anna Bodiam Year 9
Sacha Clements Year 11, Tahlia Ratcliffe Year 11

Well done to them all.

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SUPERVISED STUDY SESSIONS

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.

200 CLUB

Diary date: Next PTFA meeting Wednesday 7th November, 6pm in the Meeting Room, all welcome.

SUPERVISED STUDY LETTER



YEARS 7 AND 10 SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

DEADLINE NOW EXTENDED

Please note, the deadline to return orders for your son / daughter's photograph is now Thursday 4th October.



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



HOME LEARNING AT FURZE PLATT

Home learning timetables for Years 7 and 8 are now available on the Furze Platt website. 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.

YEAR 7 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLE 2018 - 2019

YEAR 8 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLE 2018 - 2019



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.



TEENAGE YOGA THERAPY, COOKHAM

Starting in October at Cookham Dean WI hut on Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th October (more to follow).

Time: 5.45pm to 6.45pm

Cost: £10 or £36 for 4 paid upfront.

Concessions available, please apply via email.

Contact: siriarti@starchildyoga.com / 07710 334286

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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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www.furzeplatt.com

*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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'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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'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