

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #57.8



## PTFA MEETING WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Please note the date for the next PTFA meeting has changed to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and will be held in the Meeting Room at 6.15pm. All welcome.

## YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING

### THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 4.15 PM - 7.15 PM

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March there will be a consultation evening for Year 10 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. If you do not have easy access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Please follow the Parents' Evening Bookings link under News and Events on the school website, or click on the link below.

Appointment slots are now available, we advise you to book as soon as possible. Please note that one teacher will cover the three sciences (and will appear under Biology).

If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01628 625308. We look forward to seeing you.

[YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING BOOKING LINK](#)

## YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

### JULY 2019

In the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July we have our annual Work Experience Week. We encourage all our Year 12 students to take part in work experience in order to enhance their education and prepare them for the world of



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

### Next Week

<b>WED 6 MARCH</b>	PTFA Meeting - all welcome	6.15pm - 7.15pm
<b>THU 7 MARCH</b>	Year 10 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm -

### Forthcoming Events

<b>TUE 12 MARCH</b>	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening - Examination Preparation and Revision	7pm - 8.30pm
<b>THU 21 MARCH</b>	Year 7F Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm -
<b>THU 28 MARCH</b>	Year 7P Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	5.15pm -

## TERM DATES

work. Students are encouraged to find their own placements, either via personal contacts or by writing to companies which are of interest and related in some way to their long-term career aspirations.

The main objectives of work experience are to help students:

- Understand how industry and commerce operate
- Find placements related to their choice of career or university course to increase motivation
- Prepare for their personal statements, university applications or curriculum vitae

As it is the student's responsibility to find and arrange their own work experience placement, we will not vet or carry out any checks in relation to the placement provider and will not visit the placement provider, either before or during the placement. Parents and students must ensure that they are happy with the work experience arrangements.

The Health and Safety Executive recommends that anyone

who organises work experience placements should satisfy themselves about the health and safety and insurance arrangements of the placement provider. More information about work experience can be found at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/youngpeople/workexperience/>

Parents/carers are asked to sign the form in the letter (link below) to confirm that you have read and understood the position regarding work experience and return it for the attention of Mrs Pasa, Sixth Form Manager, by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Pasa on 01628 625308 ext 603 or email [mary.pasa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:mary.pasa@furzeplatt.net).

Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form

## YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

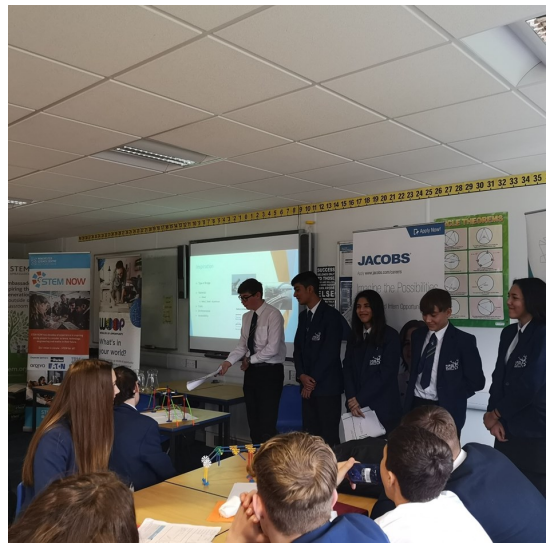
### STEM EVENT AT FURZE PLATT



Over two days this week all our Year 10 students and a small group of Year 12 students took part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) event. The event was run by visitors from Adviza, the school's chosen careers service; STEM Now, an organisation that delivers STEM activities; and Jacobs, an international engineering group. Working in groups, students had to design and build a model of a footbridge across the M4. The purpose of the bridge was to join up green spaces on either side of the motorway, allowing easy access to these areas and so encourage outdoor activity. Students needed to consider factors such as location, cost, access, visual impact, environmental impact and social impact. Each student had a specific role within their group, and groups had to plan and design their bridge, select and cost appropriate materials (pieces of K'Nex) and build and test the bridge. They then had to present a pitch to the judges from Jacobs, who asked some tough questions.

During the activity students had the opportunity to meet and work with people from the world of work and to develop and use a variety of skills. In addition to STEM skills, students practised teamwork, planning, communication, finance, problem solving and presentation skills (and, for some of the Year 12 students, fierce competition and industrial espionage!).

Students enjoyed the activity and gained a lot from it. They all worked hard, and rose to the challenge of completing their bridges. They all participated in the presentations and impressed the judges. We would like to thank all our visitors who came in and made the event such a success.



Students presenting their designs at the STEM event. A Jacobs and STEM Ambassadors Career Open Evening will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> April (3.30-7pm), details below.



### YEAR 10 PSHE - SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION



We will soon be starting some work on Sex and Relationships Education in Year 10 PSHE lessons. This work will continue on from the Sex and Relationships Education we covered in Years 8 and 9.

Sex education lessons will inevitably cover issues of a sensitive and delicate nature and I would like to assure you that such issues will be dealt with in an appropriate and sensitive manner.

If you have any concerns about this and would like to find out more about the sex and relationships education we plan to cover, or about the PSHE /Citizenship programme in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at [judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net](mailto:judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs J Bubb, Head of PSHE/Citizenship

JACOBS



**FRENCH**

Year 11 - Mia Langley

Year 7 - Georgia Owen, Nesly Anuat, Chanelle De'ath, George Terry

**GERMAN**

Year 11 - Adam Gibbon, Adam Thomas, Jonah Mofki, Polly Watkins-Lewis, Honey Young, Kai Drenski, Katerina Despiniadis

Year 10 - Tom Lonsdale, James Badham, Tilly Pink-Costello, Nicola Oakley, Tallulah Werrett

**SPANISH**

Year 11 - Alex Ratcliffe, David Kupsky, Noora Ifsasse,



**SPORTING NEWS**

**U14 GIRLS' FOOTBALL**

On Tuesday night our U14 Girls' team (with some help from our Year 7 and 8 girls) played St Crispin's in the second round of the cup. The girls lost by just 1 goal in the end thanks to some brilliant saves from Megan. They all battled until the very end and it was an excellent game to watch.

Congratulations to Brogan who won Players' Player and Daisy and Lily who both won Coaches' Player.



**FOOTBALL TEAM:**

- K. Lee, M.
- Delahaye, L.
- Gibson, H. Britton ©,
- H. Thomas,
- D. Hellings, E.
- Huddleston, B.
- McCafferty, H.
- Breese, P. Forward,
- J. Winsor

**DORNEY HOUSE**

**MENTORING PROGRAMME**



Great work by Hashim Iqbal (Year 12) and Harvey Wood (Year 7) showing their involvement in our mentoring sessions.



**NETBALL TEAM:**

- L. Webb, A Bull ©, A .
- Webb, S. Lee, E.
- Larson, J. De Alwis,
- E. Stevenson, J.
- Winsor



**NETBALL LEAGUE TOURNAMENT**

On Wednesday night our Year 8 B team (pictured above) played their final league tournament of the year. The girls played some incredibly experienced teams and excellently represented the school. Players' Player was given to Ashlyn for being unstoppable in defence, Coach's Player was awarded to Emi for being so versatile and influential.

**SPORTS NEXT WEEK**

**Mon:** Year 7 Boys' H v Reading school - County Cup, Year 7 Boys' training

**Tues:** Year 9 boys A v Sandhurst; Year 8 Boys' Football training and all years Girls' Football training (boys and girls to come prepared for grass and astro)

**Wed:** Year 7 Boys' H v Desborough, Year 9 Boys' training

**Thurs:** Year 8 Boys' A v Charters, Year 10 Boys' training



**ECONOMICS**

**CATCH UP CLINIC**

**FOR YEARS 12 AND 13**

**EVERY MONDAY 3.15 - 4.15pm**

**IN BUSINESS STUDIES 2**





## YEAR 7 BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM WINS 11-0



A fantastic team effort earlier this week saw our Year 7 Boys' Football team beat Luckley House (Wokingham) 11-0.

## LUNCHTIME AT FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL – WHAT WE OFFER



Did you know that our café serves up a variety of main meals, sandwiches, paninis, salads and much, much more for students, staff and visitors each day?

The Meal of the Day costs just £2.20 and includes a hot meal and a pudding. We also have two new water stations around the café where students can refill their water bottles at breaktimes.



You can top up your son / daughter's lunch money via their WisePay account or if you think they may be entitled to Free School Meals – worth £2.20 per day – please visit <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/mwschools/>

The form only takes a couple of minutes to complete. Your eligibility status will appear on screen within minutes and the school is also notified of the outcome, so there is no need to bring any documentation into school. If you do not have access to the internet please email [fsm@furzeplatt.net](mailto:fsm@furzeplatt.net)

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence with the amount simply being loaded onto your child's account. The school receives additional funding for students who are eligible so we strongly encourage you to take up this entitlement.

In addition, as part of a current recycling initiative at Furze Platt Senior School, we would like to invite all parents to complete a short survey to help us to get a better understanding of your views on plastic bottles and recycling, (five lucky winners could win a £10 M&S voucher). Please visit this website to complete the survey: [www.greenredeem.co.uk/rbwmschools](http://www.greenredeem.co.uk/rbwmschools).

Images from our recent Café displays celebrating Chinese New Year.



## VACANCIES AT FURZE PLATT

STRATEGIC IT MANAGER

GRADUATE PE ASSISTANT

Please click on the relevant roles above for further information on these vacancies.

## DIVER AWARD FOR YEAR 10 STUDENT

On the 40<sup>th</sup> annual awards night at Albatross Diving Club, Reading, Harry Healey (Year 10) was awarded for most significantly improved novice diver. He is pictured here with Chris Mears, Olympic Gold Champion. Congratulations to Harry on his fantastic achievement.



And finally...

**Consider yourself well and truly invited to come along to watch 'Oliver' at the end of this month.**

**I'm in the chorus singing and dancing and having great fun, I even have a few lines!**

**Mrs L Deane, Shine Learning Support Assistant**



# THE BIG QUIZ 7



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
**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

**BOOK TICKETS**

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **New Recycling Initiative – Receive up to £2,000 for your school!**

We are working with your child's school to help raise funds through the recycling of plastic bottles, and we would love for you to get involved in this new recycling scheme.

Greenredeem has provided your school with a Recycling Kiosk similar to the image below which will scan and collect all the plastic bottles. We will also provide your school with educational resources and lesson plans (from Plastic Oceans UK).

The machine will accept **plastic drinks bottles only** (up to 2 litres) and for every plastic bottle that is deposited in the machine, we will give your school 5p.

During the project (which will last up to 12 months) your school could collect up to 40,000 bottles and earn £2,000 funding. Think what your school could do with all that money!



### **Start donating your plastic drinks bottles today!**

Please ask your child/children to bring in all their plastic drinks bottles from home and donate them to the school. Please note that milk bottles are NOT suitable.

The scheme will highlight the importance of recycling and reduce the amount of plastic that ends up being disposed of, incinerated or littered, finding its way into the countryside or the marine environment.

For us to get a better understanding of your views on plastic bottles, and recycling, we would like you to complete a short survey (where 5 lucky winners could **win a £10 M&S voucher!**)

For more information and to the complete survey, please visit:

[www.greenredeem.co.uk/rbwmschools](http://www.greenredeem.co.uk/rbwmschools)

We also will be sending home, via your children, an information leaflet, to get you started!

**PLASTIC – if you can't refuse it – re-use or recycle it!** We look forward to you all joining us in this very worthwhile cause, **so don't delay, get recycling today!**

Many thanks

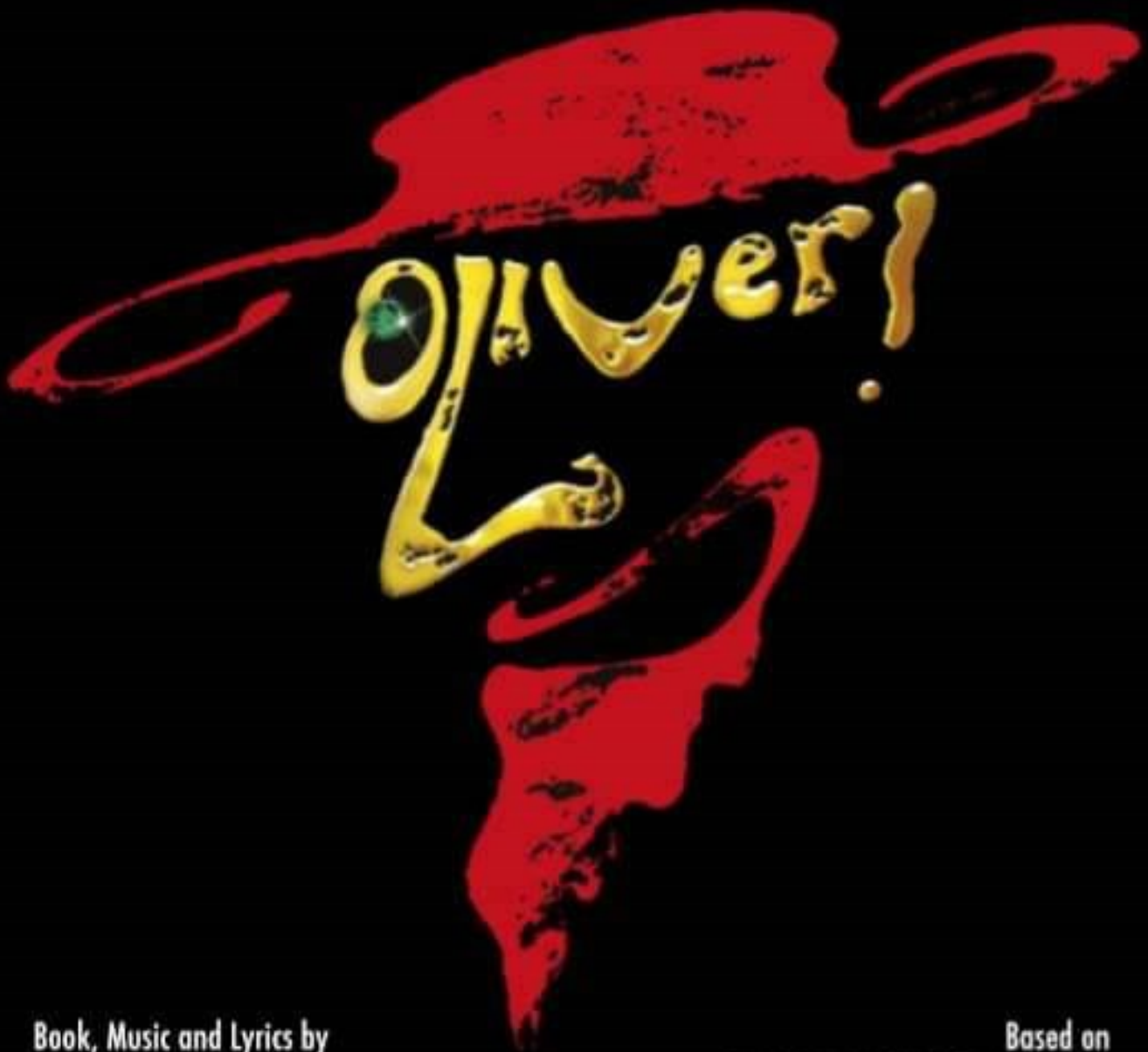
**The Greenredeem Team**





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Be inspired by amateur theatre

MMCS



Book, Music and Lyrics by  
**LIONEL BART**

Based on  
CHARLES DICKENS 'OLIVER TWIST'

**28th - 30th March 2019**

**Desborough Theatre, Maidenhead, SL6 1RF**

**BOX OFFICE 01628 782933**

**WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/MMCS or MAIDENHEADMCS.CO.UK\***

An amateur production by arrangement with Musicscope, London

\*Booking fee applies (online only)