

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

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MESSAGE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF YEAR 11 STUDENTS



Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all the support with the examinations in recent weeks. It is clear that students have been doing many hours of revision and we hope that these efforts will be rewarded.

Phase two of our Year 11 GCSE Revision Programme has started and students are able to study off-site coming into school for revision sessions and examinations as detailed in the GCSE Revision Programme.

Examinations will recommence after half term. We know that our students will be revising hard over the break and we want to thank you for all your efforts in helping them be successful.

The vast majority of our current Year 11 students have applied to our ever popular Sixth Form here at Furze Platt which has received record applicants this year. Whether students have chosen to work, study or travel, we wish all students the very best of luck with their results and future choices and look forward to seeing many of you back here in September.

Best wishes

Dr Andrew J Morrison (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)
Headteacher

SPANISH TRIP INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 6.30PM



There will be an information evening for the upcoming Madrid trip on Tuesday 4th June in the Main Hall. We have set up a website for the trip, which you can access from the link below.

[MADRID TRIP WEBSITE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)
[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

Forthcoming Events

MON 26 - FRI 31 MAY	Half Term Holidays	
MON 3 JUNE	Start of Term 6	
THU 6 JUNE	Year 6 Induction Evening	
FRI 7 - SUN 9 JUNE	Year 7 PGL Trip (Group 2)	
MON 17 - FRI 21 JUNE	Year 8 Internal Exams (Maths & Science)	
WED 19 JUNE	Year 11 Graduation	4pm - 6pm
THU 20 JUNE	Year 11 Prom	7pm - 10.30pm
WED 26 JUNE	Art Show	4.30pm - 7pm
MON 1 JULY	Year 5 Open Morning	9.10am - 12.10pm
TUE 2 JULY	Parents' Community Group Meeting	6pm - 7pm
TUE 2 JULY	Year 6 Taster Day	
WED 3 - THU 4 JULY	Year 8 Internal Exams (Maths & Science)	
MON 8 - FRI 12 JULY	Year 12 Work Experience Week	
THU 11 JULY	ESAA Championships - Birmingham	
SUN 14 - WED 17 JULY	Year 12 Geography Trip	
WED 17 - SAT 20 JULY	Year 9/10 Spanish Trip to Madrid	
FRI 19 JULY	End of Term 6	
MON 22 - FRI 30 JULY AUGUST	Summer Holidays	
MON 2 SEPTEMBER	INSET Day	
TUE 3 SEPTEMBER	Start of Term 1 (Years 7 & 12 only)	
WED 4 SEPTEMBER	Start of Term 1 (Whole School)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20



Group 1 parents can follow us on Twitter for updates and photos for this weekend's fun activities @furze_platt

Group 2 parents can find further details of activities and itinerary on the link below.

PGL GROUP 2 ITINERARY

The weather is looking great for our first group out!

CENTURION WINNERS



A special well done to the following students who are our top 100 scoring students from terms 4 and 5. Keep up the good work.

Bisham 1

Ed Fisher
Keith Cory
Harrison Barry
Lucas Bourne

Bisham 2

Jasmine Tilbury
George Stiles
Ruby Felix

Bisham 3

Luka Wilson
Arjan Dhanjal

Bisham 4

George Powell
Melissa Barnby
Lillia Bowsher
Charlotte Barrons

Bisham 5

Eloise Downes
Rizah Khan
Leonard Cory
Anna Orzel
Jake Spooner

Bray 1

Sharanya Singh
Sabrina Lee
Liam Fitzgibbon

Bray 2

Megan Collyer

Bray 3

Joseph Collyer
Enzo Singh
Patrick Kelly
Amy Bawden

Bray 4

Bella Powell
Polly Clements

Bray 5

Max Mitchell

Cookham 2

Laura Harrit
Ewelina Sobon
Max Fal

Cookham 3

Jake Stanley
Fatima Habbouli

Cookham 4

Sathya Sathananthalingam
Adleigh Webb
Lola Ogden
Katerina Despiniadis

Cookham 5

Nina Drenski
Connor Webb
Brooke Hanson

Dorney 1

Pippa Largey
Ella Clark
William Atkinson

Dorney 2

George Stratford
Camelia Ionel
Jack Gulliver

Dorney 3

Youcef Ait-Kaci

Dorney 4

Nathan Macey
Aleesha Khan
Tia Seamons
Brooke Stevens

Dorney 5

Luke Leaver
Ellis Binnington
Anna Gambrell

Eton 1

Raahi Singh
Heidi Grant
Arlo Challis
Damir Bajohr

Eton 2

Harriet Springle
Olivia Smith

Eton 3

Maria Kocurowska
Jonny Wheeler
Inshal Rizvi
Tia Mattingley
Gabriel Kitt-Woods

Eton 4

Nathan Hedges
Daniel Hall
Maddison Menelaus

Eton 5

Ilona Yanou
Reece Ovens
Ben Jones
Mason McArthur

Henley 1

Lara Torok

Henley 2

Nicola Oakley
Lucia Puma Riso

Henley 3

Naizel De Souza
Mabila Kalam
Luke Maddox

Henley 4

Katie Pettigrew
Sadie Huddleston
Georgie Moore
Lola Edwards

Henley 5

Marcos Seris
Joshua Lawrence

Marlow 2

Maverick Afonso
Daniel Nutbrown
Benjamin George

Marlow 4

Alessio Reina

Windsor 1

Mia Willcocks

Windsor 2

Jade Winsor
Jessica Walker
Elroy Colaco

Windsor 3

Maya Ciesielska

Windsor 4

Tallulah Werrett

LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

FRENCH

Jake Coomes (Year 7)
Mabila Kalam (Year 8)
Maja Mikolajczyk (Year 9)
Ben Alberts (Year 10)
Harvey Wood (Year 7)
Fatima Habbouli (Year 7)
Lily Gibson (Year 7)

GERMAN

Ashvath Ajith Kumar (Year 9)
Melissa Barnby (Year 10)

SPANISH

Lola Ogden (Year 8)
Waqar Subhani (Year 7)
Kensa Horner (Year 9)
Jacob Sykes (Year 10)



YEAR 5 OPEN MORNING AND TOURS

We are pleased to announce these will take place on Monday 1st July at 9.05 am and 10.05 am. Please note, due to their popularity tours must be booked in advance. Bookings will only be taken after Monday 3rd June, please call Mrs Craker or Mrs Wardle on 01628 625308 to register your place. All welcome, please do forward to anyone who may be interested in attending. We look forward to meeting many of our future students at these events, further tours will be available in September and October.



'ALICE'

Last night was the open and closing night for our drama club's performance of 'Alice'. The cast was made up of both Year 7 and 8 students, who are definitely future stars in the making! They put on an outstanding show and totally embodied the wacky and magical world of Wonderland. A huge well done to all those involved and a special thank you to Miss Gibson and the Drama team.



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Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ A broad, stimulating and rewarding education for girls and boys
- ▶ Outstanding academic, sporting and 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:

'Pupils achieve highly at this school'

- Ofsted 2016

Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7NQ



FURZE PLATT TEACHER DELIVERS TECH CONFERENCE SPEECH



Great to see Teacher of ICT Damian Fido being well received at the Thames Valley Technology Conference yesterday. "His industry knowledge, coupled with his emerging teaching practice, is invaluable to support change in education and for our learners of the future." "...very engaging insight from Damian Fido on [the] challenges of educating [students starting school this September] for that world of work".

Pictured: Mr Fido giving his keynote speech and also pictured with Jon Briggs, the male voice of Siri.



MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL



Dear all,
This time last year, we took over as the new Senior Student Leaders for Furze Platt not knowing what to expect, and now we are writing to close off our tenure as Head Boy/Girl 2018/19. Over the past year, as well as balancing studies and social life, we have completed various duties as school ambassadors, represented the student body and have continuously developed valuable life skills that we might not have had the opportunity to do.



Pictured: Gaby Ford and Adam Simmonds, outgoing Head Girl and Head Boy

YEARS 7/8/9/10 CRICKET TEAMS



Well done to our Year 7/8 cricket team (pictured), finishing strongly against Langley Grammar School. Among the highlights, H Drew Dilscooping* the quick bowler for four, A Dunning kept very well (*a batting stroke developed by Sri Lankan right-handed cricketer Tillakaratne Dilshan, 2009). Our U15 team also played Langley Grammar and were brilliantly led by Iwan Hughes. Great play by the whole team but special mentions for Alfie Graham and Oli Pearce, with Oli James bowling well.



We have contributed to the school in many ways, and it has been fantastic to contribute to the strategic direction of the school, in which the Sixth Form has an exciting future ahead after having a big influence over the appointment of the new Head of Sixth Form. We want to thank the Sixth Form staff for making us feel like a valued team, as well as Dr Morrison for involving us with the strategic side as much as possible.



Pictured: Daniel Juden and Gemma Higley, incoming Head Boy and Head Girl

Finally, we want to wish incoming Head Boy Daniel Juden and Head Girl Gemma Higley, along with Daniel Brant and Hollie O'Neill as Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl, as

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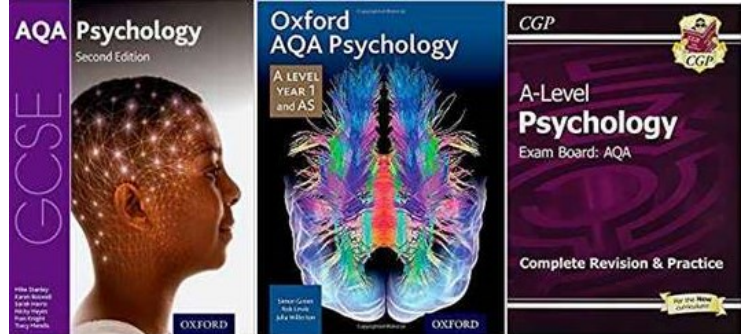
Pictured: Deputy Head Boy Daniel Brant and Deputy Head Girl Hollie O'Neill

well as all the Student Leaders, all the best in making our school a place that students can continue to want to be. We will still be here to help if needed once we officially leave, in June. By Adam Simmonds and Gaby Ford.

REQUEST FROM PSYCHOLOGY



The Psychology Department would welcome old textbooks and revision guides once the exams are over. Every year we struggle with class textbooks being damaged or taken by students who never return them, so if your son/daughter do not need their GCSE or A-Level Psychology textbooks any more, we would greatly appreciate such donations. Thank you.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT



Lacey Rigg from Year 9 has successfully completed our 'mum for the weekend' activity with 98% effective care – the second best score in the history of our department. Lacey described the experience as 'stressful but helpful'. Well done Lacey! We are currently learning about the three stages of labour using balloons (uterus) and table tennis balls (foetus) to help students understand how contractions work. It was more difficult than you think (pictured practising, Daisy Hellings).



We are very lucky to have some amazing props for our Child Development lessons. For our recent lesson we used neonatal model (pictured) with pelvic bone and placenta to demonstrate the delivery of a baby. Thank you to everyone contributing to our PTFA fund as we wouldn't be able to buy many of the models without your help. You are making a difference to the learning experience of our students.

Miss R Paradowska
Head of Psychology & Child Development



The easiest way to support the fantastic work of our PTFA is to join our 200 Club. By purchasing numbers, you not only get to ensure our students have access to a wide range of additional resources and support the hard work of our PTFA, but each number is entered into a prize draw four times a year with three winners each time winning hundreds of pounds. The next draw is on Tuesday 4th June for our AGM, all welcome. For more information on joining the 200 Club please visit:



REMINDERS

BREAKS AND EXAM SCHEDULE



For all our students taking exams in the next few weeks, please ensure you have all the relevant equipment. If you have any queries please look at the Exams Handbook link below.

A reminder too that during the main exams period from Monday 13th May until Friday 14th June, Break 2 will be moving to 12.45pm - 1.15pm for the whole school.





YEAR 11 AND 13 STUDENT LEAVERS

As your son/daughter approaches the end of their time in school we would like to remind you to plan your top-ups and spending so the balance on their catering account is at a minimum by the time they leave school. This will help reduce administration in the school and at Innovate Business Support Centre.

Innovate will not refund account balances less than £5. Instead the total value of all account balances less than £5 (school leavers only) will be donated to the school.

If your account balance is over £5 you may either request a refund, have the money transferred to a younger sibling, or donate the balance to the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We hope all students have a good May holiday and we will re-open on Monday 3rd June for a prompt 8.40am start.



WILDLIFE AWARDS FOR GARDENS IN MAIDENHEAD

WILD MAIDENHEAD WEBSITE

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS ASSESSOR REPORTS, CERTIFICATES AND FEEDBACK

Thank you for your continued support with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Furze Platt. It has been wonderful to celebrate your child's successes throughout all sections.

If all the assessor reports have been submitted, the information will automatically be sent for verification. Please ask your child to log into their account regularly to check the progress of their Award.

Full certificates will be handed out in assembly at a later date.

If your child has borrowed kit, we would be grateful if it can be returned as soon as possible.

We would be grateful if you can spare a few minutes to complete the questionnaire below to provide some helpful feedback.

FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

We hope your child chooses to progress to the next level.

Miss D Carty, Duke of Edinburgh Awards Manager



Cadet

PROGRAMME

The aims of the programme are to:

- Inspire young people to participate positively in the community by promoting citizenship among young people.
- Support ongoing police operations and initiatives and have a clear link to local policing priorities.
- Provide divergent activities for young people on the verge of criminal activity.
- Providing training which will encourage positive leadership within communities, which will include volunteering opportunities.
- Promoting and encouraging a practical interest in policing.



Cadets will be involved in various policing and community activities in their local area.

These may include:

- Test purchasing of alcohol and cigarettes
- Crime prevention activities
- Attending family community events
- Fun days or police events
- Letter/leaflet drops
- Graffiti cleaning

Members are aged 13 -18



**THAMES VALLEY
POLICE**

Anyone interested in joining the Thames Valley Police Cadets, should email thamesvalleypolicecadets@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk with details of where they live, their age and their reasons for wanting to become a Cadet.

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