

### FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #52.9









#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### HOT WEATHER

Please ensure that your son/daughter comes to school with hats and sun cream for PE lessons.

Thank you.



## SCHOOL NEWS

#### **YEAR 11 GRADUATION & PROM**

Thank you and farewell to our wonderful Year 11 students, who have had a memorable week with both their Graduation Ceremony and the Prom. Despite the Graduation being held on an extremely hot afternoon, we were very proud of all our students who have achieved so much in their years with us. It is also lovely to report that many happy parents praised the event afterwards. The Prom, held at Windsor Racecourse, was a hugely enjoyable evening and our students looked fantastic.



YEAR 11 GRADUATION PHOTOS





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

ALL EVENTS

Next Week (Week 2)

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<b>MON 26</b> JUNE	Public Exams continue	Until 30 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>TUE 27</b> JUNE	End of Year Art , Design & Technology Show	4.30pm - 7pm
SUN 2 JULY	Year 12 Trip to Nettlecombe	Return Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> July

#### **Forthcoming Events**

MON 3 JULY	Year 5 Open Morning	9am - 1pm
MON 3 JULY	Parents' Community Group Meeting	6pm - 7pm
WED 5 - FRI 7 JULY	Year 12 Taster Days	All Day
SUN 9 JULY	PTFA Indoor Car Boot Sale (7.30am arrival for sellers)	9am – 12pm



With around three quarters of our Year 11 students applying to our popular Sixth Form, we are delighted that so many will be coming back and look forward to inviting them to the Year 11 -12 Induction days on  $5^{th} - 7^{th}$  July.

We wish all our students the very best for the future.

#### FURZE PLATT STUDENTS TAKE PART IN MARS LEGO CHALLENGE





A group of Furze Platt students from Years 7 and 8 visited the Mars Conference Centre in Slough last week. Along with students from other schools, they spent a period of time building and programming robots using Lego Mindstorms and then competed in a race-off.

Arranged via Learning to Work, our students had a great day and enjoyed working in teams with other students.



Learning to Work is a local charity working for the benefits of local young people, schools, colleges and businesses. They create high impact activities with local employers to inspire young people, educate them about opportunities and give them the skills they need to be successful.

Thank you to everyone involved but especially to those at Mars, Learning to Work, Mr Varnam and Mr Barrett.

## **DUKE OF EDINBURGH SUCCESS**Street Dance - Physical Section



Well done to one of our Year 9 D of E groups, who have successfully completed a 12 week Street Dance course with Sanders Street. This activity was for the physical

section of their D of E bronze award.

#### DofE Group:

Shannon Doyle, Chloe Ducellier, Ellie Brewis, Rhiannon Williams, Lauren-Louise Bryant, Aqsa Fatima, Hannah Parkman, Aimee Elson.

#### **Cycle Hub - Volunteering Section**

Pictured below: our Year 10 DofE group: Umar Aziz, Frazer Finlan, Sam Kirkaldie, Jay Paine, Max Welland-Billam and Bradley Stone working with Roger Wayte from Maidenhead Cycle Hub.

Miss Carty, Alternative Curriculum Support Worker





#### **MIMI GRAY**

Superb results from Mimi Gray, Year 9, who won Gold and Silver medals recently as part of Swim England Synchro's Age Group squad. The competition, the 2017 Primorje Cup, was held in Croatia. Mimi, who trains with the Reading Royals, came sixth in Figures, then won Solo Gold and Duet Silver and finished with an overall Team Gold.





#### **GYM MEDAL WINNERS**

Congratulations to Maddie Bird, Amy Lillywhite, Rosa Kelly (all Year 7) and Isabella Considine (Year 8) who won medals at the UK Gym regional qualifiers over half term.

The girls all succeeded in levelling up and are now waiting to hear if they have made it to Nationals in October.

Maddie - gold on beam and silver on bars

Amy - gold on bars and bronze on beam

Rosa - gold on beam and bronze on vault

Isabella - silver on bars and bronze on beam

#### **FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

This photograph shows 8P1 with all their original 'Twisted Shepherds' Pies'. Their task was to take a recipe for Shepherds' Pie and twist it to make something different and more nutritious. They produced an amazing array of dishes which were all high in iron and calcium, the nutrients most lacking from teenage diets.



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#### COMMUNITY NEWS

### FURZE PLATT TEACHER AIMS TO CLIMB 3 PEAKS IN 24 HOURS





I am going to attempt to climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon within 24 hours. My friends and I will be walking in memory of a fine man and dear friend who made a huge contribution to the success of Windsor Rugby Club and the development of many young people in the area.

I will personally be raising funds for Furze Platt Senior School's PTFA who contribute to the wider curriculum, ensuring Furze Platt Senior remains one of the best-resourced schools in the area. I am proud of the school and the young people I work with. If you would like to sponsor me please click the link below.

#### 'How can students help?'

By bringing in as many 1p and 2p coins as they can find.

All money is for the school so whether you donate via the link or bring in your copper coins, you will be helping the school to be able to offer even better resources.

Thank you for your support.

Mr G Melville (Teacher of Science).

SPONSOR MR MELVILLE & RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL

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



**Current vacancies** 

SPANISH LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

**FOOD TECHNICIAN** 

SIXTH FORM LEARNING MENTOR

LEARNING MENTOR

**LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT** 

SHINE OUTREACH TEAM WORKER

COVER SUPERVISOR

#### **EASY FUNDRAISING**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Furze Platt Senior School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!



It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

- 1. Head to <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/">https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/</a> furzeplattsenior/ and join for free.
- 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- 3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we at Furze Platt Senior School, will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

## REMINDERS

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#### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND

You may have seen in the news recently that schools are about to experience the first real time cuts in education costs. At Furze Platt we are always looking for ways to ensure our students have access to facilities that will further their learning and socialising here. The standard budget does not include extras that we believe are extremely important to facilitate your child's future education. Please see the letter below for further information.

Ms T White, Headteacher

#### **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND LETTER**

#### MATHS PRACTICE PAPER



The Maths practice papers have been uploaded to Show My Homework and the students can access them by downloading the appropriate paper from their Year 11 maths class page on their account.

#### **SHOW MY HOMEWORK LINK**

#### **CONDITIONAL OFFER REMINDER**



A reminder for all those students who have received a conditional offer letter to join Furze Platt Senior School Sixth Form to please return their reply slip, or email Mrs K Bristow at <a href="mailto:kim.bristow@furzeplatt.net">kim.bristow@furzeplatt.net</a> to advise if you can attend the Sixth Form taster days on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

### THORPE PARK TRIP REMINDER







#### **July 2017**

Business Studies trip to Thorpe Park for Years 9 & 10 - please return reply slips asap. Please be aware that any Business Studies students not going must attend school as usual.

THORPE PARK TRIP REPLY SLIP



Monday 3rd July 2017 For Year 5 Parents\*

**Open Evening** Thursday 5th Oct 2017 All Welcome

School Tours Available Sept and Oct 2017 All Welcome\*

office@furzeplatt.com

www.furzeplatt.com

\*Please contact us to reserve a space for these events.

#### **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 progress than other pupils nationally.'











'Pupils achieve highly at this school'

- Ofsted 2016

#### ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW TUESDAY 27TH JUNE 2017 4.30 - 7.00PM

The show is running for just one evening and promises to be a celebration of the students' work from A level Photography, A Level Product Design, A Level Art, GCSE Resistant Materials, GCSE Graphic Products and GCSE Art and Design, showcasing their knowledge and experiences over the past year. This is an opportunity to get an exciting insight into the creative thinking of a

new generation and a chance to meet our

remarkable students.

We look forward to seeing you.





# SALE

## Furze Platt Senior School Main Hall

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Time: 9am-12pm (sellers from 7.30am, buyers from 9am) Entry: Adults (over 16) 50p per person Children go free

Table spaces can be booked for £10 per table by contacting jeff@iifa.co.uk

- -Bring, buy and sell your unwanted gifts, clothes, toys, books, DVDs and general jumble.
- -It's like a car boot sale, but indoors without the bad weather!
- All entry and table hire money goes to the Furze Platt PTFA.



#### **Learning Together**

Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7NQ

Tel: 01628 625308 | Fax: 01628 782257

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 have the following opportunities to start in September 2017:-

Cover Supervisor – term time only, 31.25 hours per week, salary range £13,850-£15,450 depending on experience

Shine Outreach Team worker – term time only, 30 hours per week, salary range £12,350-£13,100 depending on experience

Learning Support Assistant – term time only, 30 hours per week, salary range £11,650-£12,150 depending on experience

Learning Mentor – term time only, 30 hours per week, salary range £15,200-£16,700 depending on experience

Sixth Form Learning Mentor – term time only, 18 hours per week, salary range £9,100-£10,000 depending on experience

Food Technician – term time only, 25 hours per week, salary range £10,300-£10,900 depending on experience

Spanish Language Assistant (6 hours per week) with an additional 2.5 hours a week administration – term time only, salary range £4,450-£4,750 depending on experience

For further information about these exciting roles and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website <a href="www.furzeplatt.com">www.furzeplatt.com</a>. Application forms should be returned to <a href="www.furzeplatt.net">Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net</a>. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to the protection and safety of its students. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Closing date: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Interviews: week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> July

For ages **9 - 14** 



From £95\*

2017

# SUMMER

# FUN

Monday 24th July - Friday 28th July

Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August

Monday 7th August - Friday 11th August

9 am to 3 pm

## SUMMER FUN 2017

Due to the popularity of Furze Platt's annual Summer Fun, we are delighted to announce that this year's activities will run for 3 weeks.

This fabulous opportunity is open to all 9-14 year olds – come along and make new friends, play team games, interact positively with younger and older students and learn from our qualified instructors. For children in their last years at junior schools, being on site can help with the transition to secondary school and for all younger people, a chance to polish their leadership skills and have lots of fun!

Weeks 1 and 2
Monday 24th - Friday 28th July and
Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August
Summer Sports and Activities

We are offering a huge range of sports and activities every day plus each week you can enjoy a fantastic water day on the lake\*

Including: Fencing, Raft Building, Hockey, Team Games, Basketball, Swimming, Football, Kayaking, Athletics, Softball, Badminton, Capture the Flag, Table Tennis, Paddle Boarding, Netball, Rounders and much more!

£95

per person per week (no water day included)

£**130** 

per person per week (water day included)

\*please note: there are limited numbers for water activities

## Week 3 Monday 7th-Friday 11th August Furze Platt's Summer Sketch Show Extravaganza

Spend a week with us and let your imagination soar. Over the week, you will have the chance to write, learn and rehearse sketches specifically designed for young performers. Supported by older students who will provide lighting, sound and all technical elements, as well as experienced Drama staff, no experience is necessary to take part. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop performance skills, as well as having a lot of fun!

£95

per person per week

There is no water day during the Sketch Show week as there will be a performance on the Friday.

## **CLICK HERE TO BOOK**

To book, please complete the booking form online using the link above and pay online to Lloyds Bank a/c no: 42740560 sort code: 30-95-36 marked 'Summer' and your child's surname.

Participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and a packed lunch.

Concessions available.

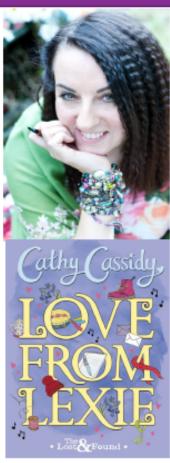
For more information please e-mail media@furzeplatt.net or call Catherine Johnstone on 01628 625308 ext 347.

#### The Royal Borough Presents: Cathy Cassidy

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am very excited to announce that RBWM Libraries together with The Windsor Fringe Festival have arranged for best-selling children's author Cathy Cassidy to visit Windsor Boys School on Saturday 23 September at 11am as part of the festival.

One for fans of Jacqueline Wilson, Cathy will talk about her best-selling Chocolate Box Girls series and will share her stories of her career into journalism working for teen magazines and about her life as a children's writer. Cathy will give her top tips for friendship, daydreaming and blogging. Cathy will also be giving a sneak preview of her upcoming book 'Love from Lexie'. There will be a book signing and copies of Cathy's books will be available to purchase on the day



Tickets will be available to order online via the Fringe box office from mid-July. However RBWM Libraries would like to give the pupils in the local borough schools a chance to buy these tickets in advance.

If interested please would you complete the attached form and return with cash or cheque to your school office. (Cheques must be made payable to The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead) by the deadline of Thursday 13 July. We will return your tickets back to the school before the end of term.

This is an amazing opportunity to meet a much loved and very popular author.

Please see attached a form to order tickets.



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Ticket Details:
School
Childs name and Class
Number of tickets

Price £6.00 per ticket per person (please note that accompanying adults will need to purchase a ticket).



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