

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #53.2



## 2017 RESULTS

### A-LEVEL

**99%** PASS RATE  
OUR NEW RECORD

★  
**31%**  
OF GRADES  
~ ARE ~  
**A\*-A**  
UP 8%  
FROM 2016  
★

★  
**59%**  
OF GRADES  
~ ARE ~  
**A\*-B**  
UP 15%  
FROM 2016  
★

★  
**80%**  
OF GRADES  
~ ARE ~  
**A\*-C**  
UP 9%  
FROM 2016  
★

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING

YEAR  
7

Thank you to all Year 7 parents who attended our Open Evening last night, it was great to see so many of you.

For those who couldn't attend, please see the attached link for the presentation. We hope you will find the information useful for the coming year.

### YEAR 7 PREPARING TO SUCCEED PRESENTATION

### AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



At the end of last term we said farewell to three members of our Senior Leadership Team. Mr Bown took early retirement, Mr Richards has moved on to a well earned promotion and our Business Manager Mrs Peat also retired.

Headteacher  
Associate Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher



Ms White



Mr Towill



Mr Sheppard



### UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

#### Next Week (Week 1)

TUE 19 SEPTEMBER	School Tours (Year 5 Parents/ Students)	9.15am - 10.15am
	Year 7 PGL Trip - Parents' Information Evening (Main Hall)	6pm - 7pm
THU 21 SEPTEMBER	School Tours (Year 5 Parents/ Students)	9.15am - 10.15am
	Celebration Evening	7pm - 8pm

#### Forthcoming Events

TUE 26 SEPTEMBER	School Tours (Year 5 Parents/ Students)	9.15am - 10.15am
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THU 28 SEPTEMBER	Preparing to Succeed in Year 11 Parents' Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
	Preparing to Succeed in Year 10 Parents' Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm

Assistant Headteacher

Assistant Headteacher  
(Head of Sixth Form)

Head of Operations and Business Development



Ms Avellano



Mr Dollery



Mrs Moore

#### Associate Assistant Headteachers



Miss Lewis



Mr Morbey



Miss Satterwaite

Due to the school's increasing student numbers, and with the support of our Governors, this has given us a timely opportunity to redesign and increase our Senior Leadership staff. Mr Towill is now Associate Headteacher and will sharing some of the Headteacher roles and responsibilities with me as the school grows. I am delighted to be working with such a talented and committed team.

Ms. T White

[CONTACT US WEBPAGE](#)



#### 200 CLUB

Dear all

The PTFA will be reinstating the popular 200 Club this month with large cash prizes for the lucky winners.

With 200 numbers in play there will be 3 prizes of £400 each, and the PTFA also makes £6000 per year to help fund requests for the school, so we are keen to ensure as many numbers are sold as possible.

If you would like to join, please do click on the links below for either annual or monthly payments - it is a very easy and straightforward process. Each number costs £5 per month or an annual cost of £57 (this is for 4 draws).

[HOW THE 200 CLUB WORKS?](#)

[ANNUAL PAYMENT](#)

[MONTHLY PAYMENTS](#)

#### A- LEVEL RESULTS - AUGUST 2017



**STAR PERFORMERS**

Sam Sheppard	Richard Baker
A* A* A* A*	AAA
Olivia Wright-Paramio	Stephen Ellis
A* A* A	AAA
Alex Hill	Layth Al-Wakil
A* A* A	AAA
Josh Davies	Kieran Fishwick
A* A* A	AAA
Josie Sebire	Ewan Hill
A* A* AB	AAA
Idris Al-Ghabra	Tom De Courcy
A* AAB	A* AB
Tommy Clifford	Jaspal Mehat
A* A* A	A* AB
Harry Gray	Jonathan Sneller
A* A* B	A* AB
Bella Fishwick	Luca Antioco
A* A* B	AABB
Sam MacGregor	Jake Eaton
A* AAB	AAB
Callum Lennie	Isabel Solomou
A* AA	AAB
George Harris	Amy Dickens
A* AA	AAB
Ben Williams	Robert Messias
A* A* BB	AAB
Chloe Smith	Ella Graham
A* AB	AAB
Jack Williams	Florence White
AAAA	AAB
Patrick Ashe	Ben Jordan
A* AB	AAC
Amit Avtar	Bethany
AAA	Wright-Paramio
Elle Holloway	AAD

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Tommy Clifford  
average of 3.1 grades  
above target

Jake Eaton  
average of 2.4 grades  
above target

Stephen Ellis  
average of 2.3 grades  
above target

Sam Sheppard  
average of 2.1 grades  
above target

Luca Antico  
average of 1.9 grades  
above target

George Harris  
average of 1.8 grades  
above target

Robert Messias  
average of 1.7 grades  
above target

Layth Al-Wakil  
average of 1.7 grades  
above target

Jonathan Sneller  
average of 1.7 grades  
above target

Amit Avtar  
average of 1.6 grades  
above target

Richard Baker  
average of 1.5 grades  
above target

Jack Williams  
average of 1.4 grades  
above target

Francis Birch  
average of 1.4 grades  
above target

Thomas Sellers  
average of 1.4 grades  
above target

Alex Hill  
average of 1.4 grades  
above target

Ewan Hill  
average of 1.4 grades  
above target

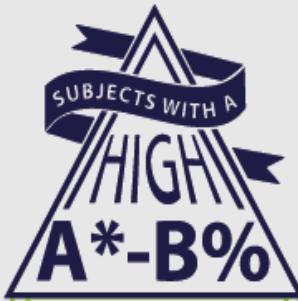
Sean O'Mahony  
average of 1.3 grades  
above target

Darcey Whitlock  
average of 1.2 grades  
above target

Harry Gray  
average of 1 grade  
above target

Harvey Gonzalez  
average of 1 grade  
above target

Kudzai Moyosvi  
average of 1 grade  
above target



Computing  
**100%**

Business Studies  
**85.7%**

Drama  
**83.3%**

Chemistry  
**82.9%**

Further Maths  
**80%**

Economics  
**75%**

English Literature  
**71.4%**

History  
**69.2%**

Maths  
**67.6%**

English Lang. & Lit.  
**62.5%**

Biology  
**59.1%**



Applied Business

Art & Design

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Computing

Product Design

Dance

Drama

Economics

English Lang. & Lit.

English Literature

French

Further Maths

General Studies

Geography

History

ICT

Media Studies

Music

Philosophy & Ethics

Physical Education

Physics

Politics

Russian

Sociology

Spanish

EPQ

**PHOTO ORDER COLLECTION DATE**

Deadline for Year 7 and 10 photos orders is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**NEW FOOD MENUS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE****NEW FOOD MENU****SUPERVISED STUDY LETTER****SUPERVISED STUDY LETTER****SHOW MY HOMEWORK- UPDATE FROM SATCHEL, SMHW PROVIDER**

'Please accept our apologies for [the] outage; Satchel appreciates that at this early point in the academic year, the problems with Show My Homework were unacceptable to all our users. The Engineering team here will continue to work to improve matters and ensure there is no repeat of this issue.' Steve Westwood, CTO, Satchel, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Link [here](#) for a summary.

**SCHOOL NEWS****CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, our Year 11 Child Development group was faced with a task to cook a two-course meal for a toddler. Students had to plan their meal and provide all ingredients. As this was a part of their coursework, they also had to prove to the examiner that the meal meets dietary requirements for a young child. Some amazing ideas included omelettes, pizza, pasta bakes, egg fried rice, smoothies, quark cookies, brownies... and ever favourite home-made chicken nuggets. Well done girls!

Special thanks to Food Tech Department for allowing us to use their facilities.

Miss Paradowska, Teacher of Psychology and Child Development

**HOCKEY AND NETBALL TEAMS**

We have had a great turnout from students looking to be on the hockey and netball teams so far – 62 for hockey and 70 for netball!

**COMMUNITY NEWS****FURZE PLATT ALUMNI**

Many congratulations to Warrick Heath, Furze Platt Alumnus, who has successfully passed out as a fully fledged Marine. He completed 32 weeks of gruelling training and is now doing his mandatory driver training, then he will join his commando unit.



Two years ago, Warrick (then Year 13) was selected to be the standard bearer at the Festival of Remembrance in London, and was then chosen out of 150 applicants to represent the cadets when Berkshire represented the Army Cadet Force. He was the first person in Maidenhead to gain his Master Cadet award, as well as being presented with the title of Mayoral Cadet for RBWM by the mayor.

Well done to him and we wish him all the best.

**BOYNE HILL U12S**

Boyne Hill Boys and Girls FC (U12 Cobras) are looking for players.

Training is held Thursday 6-7pm @ Oaken Grove Park (moving to Furze Platt astro turf 28th Sept)

Please contact Matt Satchwell

07595 763541

[satchwellmj@hotmail.com](mailto:satchwellmj@hotmail.com)

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

**IT INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEER**

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANT - FRENCH**

**COVER SUPERVISOR**

**OUTREACH TEAM WORKER IN SHINE**

**LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT**



## REMINDERS

### AUTUMN TERM EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS LIST

Please see the attached link for a full list of our current school clubs. We are proud to be able to offer approximately 70 clubs this term, covering a huge variety of activities for all our students.

Please encourage your son/daughter to attend any which may be of interest to them.

#### SCHOOL CLUBS SCHEDULE 2017

### HOME LEARNING TIMETABLES

YEAR 7    YEAR 8    YEAR 9

Please can parents support their children with their home learning. Our home learning expectations are:

**Years 7 and 8** follow fixed home learning timetables. Each piece of home learning should take 30 minutes, giving students between 1 hour and 1 ½ hours of home learning per night.

**Years 9-11** do not have a fixed home learning timetable, but will be set the following home learning. Each piece of home learning should take 1 hour, giving students an average of 2 hours of home learning per night:

English and Maths – 2 pieces per week

Science – 1 piece for each of the 3 sciences per week

Option subjects – 1 piece per week  
Philosophy and Religion (Years 10 and 11) – 1 piece per week for those taking double or combined science; 1 piece per fortnight for those taking triple or separate sciences.

#### YEAR 7 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLES 2017-2018

#### YEAR 8 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLES 2017-2018

### CAN YOU HELP?

A team of Furze Platt Senior School students is looking to build its own robot to rival the House Robots on Robot Wars. We need help!

If you can help source engines (or anything else we may need) we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Please email Richard.wright@furzeplatt.net for details.

## WELCOME TO FURZE PLATT

Welcome to all students (and staff) who have started with us this week, it has been great to see so many happy faces around school.

We had a record breaking summer with fantastic results, Our students' hard work has certainly paid off.

### Start and end of day reminders:

Well done to all students for their punctual arrival to school. All students must be in school promptly at 8.40am.

Please note: parents are not permitted to drive in to school to drop off or pick up their sons/daughters.

### WELCOME TO FURZE PLATT (CONT.)

#### Communication

We encourage parents to follow our Twitter account and/or Facebook account and to visit our website:

Website: [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com)

Twitter - @furze\_platt

Facebook – search using @furzeplattsenior and check it is the verified account (with a tick)

#### Support us

By visiting <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/furzeplattsenior/> the school will benefit from your purchases without costing you a penny extra. We would strongly encourage parents to sign up for this and download the donation reminder onto your computers.

Our PTFA are urgently looking for a treasurer. Can you help? If so, please email the PTFA Chair, Jeff Lloyd, at [jeff@iifa.co.uk](mailto:jeff@iifa.co.uk). The PTFA are a very friendly group who meet around 4-6 times per year and all parents / carers are welcome to meetings.

YEAR 7    YEAR 8    YEAR 9

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find attached letters with information regarding GCSE English Language and Literature and Drama Club.

#### GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE & REVISION SOURCES

#### FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL : DRAMA CLUB

### HOCKEY FIXTURES

YEAR 7    YEAR 8    YEAR 9    YEAR 10    YEAR 11

The attached link shows our Hockey Fixtures for this term.

Clubs and fixtures information can also be found on our website.

#### HOCKEY FIXTURES



## 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



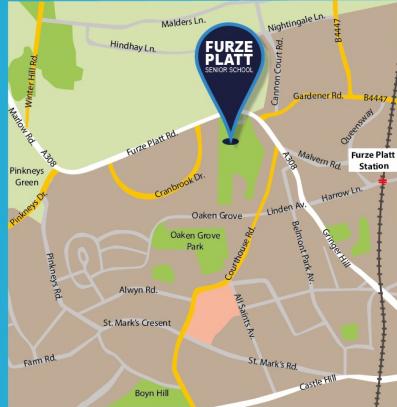
**Open Evening**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017  
**All Welcome**

**School Tours Available**  
Sept and Oct 2017  
**All Welcome\***

01628 625308 | office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com

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

### How to find us:



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



'Pupils achieve highly at this school'  
- Ofsted 2016

# THE PAULINE QUIRKE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS IS ENROLLING NOW IN MAIDENHEAD!

Outstanding performing arts tuition  
for 4 - 18 year olds.

Find us at **Furze Platt Senior School, Furze  
Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ**

Academies run on Saturdays  
from **9.45am-1pm & 1.45-5pm**

To enrol and for further information  
please visit [www.pqacademy.com](http://www.pqacademy.com)  
or call us now on **FREEPHONE 0800 531 6282**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON WINNING A TERM'S  
FREE MEMBERSHIP AT THE OPEN DAY!**

**FREE**  
OPEN DAY SATURDAY  
16TH SEPTEMBER  
1.45-5PM



**PQA**  
10 YEARS OF BEING AMAZING

# COOKHAM & MAIDENHEAD ARTS TRAIL

FREE  
ENTRY  
10am - 6pm



Visit local artists in their studios: refreshments,  
demos and a range of original work for sale

**Sat 16th - Sun 17th September  
10am - 6pm**

Brochures with trail map available at Norden Farm, Bovilles  
Maidenhead, Libraries and The Stationery Depot, Cookham

**more info at: [www.camat.org.uk](http://www.camat.org.uk)**

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