

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #53.6



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OPEN EVENING PROSPECTUS 2017

Please note:

The school prospectus is now available to view on our website.



[VIEW OUR NEW PROSPECTUS](#)

YEAR 11 PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING

YEAR 11

On Thursday 19th October there will be an opportunity for parents of Year 11 students to meet their child's Head of House.

Appointments are booked online and are available from 4.15pm until 7.15pm. To book appointments and for full instructions, either follow the link below or go to the Parents' Evening Bookings link under 'News & Events' on the front page of the school website.

Appointment slots are available now and will very quickly fill up. We advise you to book as soon as possible. If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01628 625308.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mr J Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher

[BOOK APPOINTMENTS](#)

[GUIDE TO BOOKING APPOINTMENTS](#)

REPORTS

Year 11 reports have been issued this week and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on Parents, then Reports or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

Next Week (Week 1)

(THIS WEEK) FRI 13 OCTOBER	Year 7 PGL Trip (Group 2) (Photos and updates can be found on Twitter @furze_platt)	Returns Sun 15th October
TUE 17 OCTOBER	School Tours (Year 5 Parents/ Students)	9.15am - 10.15am
THU 19 OCTOBER	School Tours (Year 5 Parents/ Students)	9.15am - 10.15am
THU 19 OCTOBER	Year 11 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4pm - 7.15pm
FRI 20 OCTOBER	Half term	Return to school Monday 30th October

Forthcoming Events (Week 2)

MON 30 OCTOBER	Start of Term 2	8.40am
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Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

UPDATING STUDENT DATA

Any amendments for student details such as change of address, contact numbers, medical information or emergency contact details should be emailed to studentdetails@furzeplatt.net.

Please note that this information is used by staff on any school trips or in the **use of an emergency** and it is therefore paramount that the information provided is correct.

Thank you.

STAR STUDENTS - THIS WEEK'S NOMINATIONS



Jonah Mokfi (Year 10), Eton - Constant and contagious positivity and enthusiasm in form time. Very respectful and kind student with a can-do attitude and willingness to approach each day with a smile. A pleasure to have him in form.



Wyn Whellar-Parr (Year 7), Marlow - For producing the most eye-catching title page in his class (pictured below). Wyn's colourful tropical bird lifted our spirits and earned him the Art and Design Golden Pencil Award!



Jack Staunton (Year 8), Eton - For producing the most in-depth observational drawing of a deer skull showing an exceptional eye for detail and capturing an expressive range of marks and tone (pictured below).

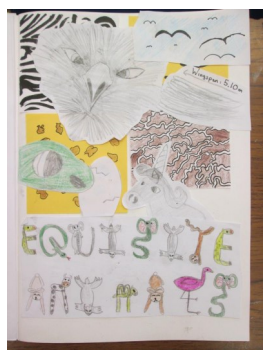
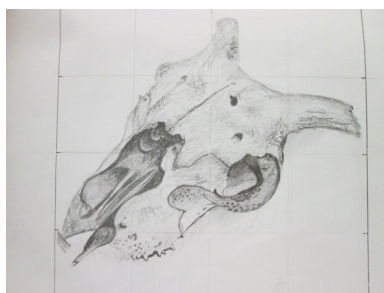
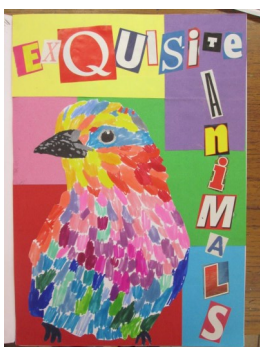


Ellis Ovens (Year 8), Henley - Fantastic feedback following the Open Evening regarding his conduct and behaviour during the tours.



Tendo Nyerenyere (Year 12), Marlow - Won second place in the 'Sculpture' category in the Windsor Festival Schools' Programme 2017.

Work by Wyn Whellar-Parr (below left), Declan Pinto (below right), Bobby Norris (bottom right) all Year 7. Jack Staunton's (Year 8) artwork is bottom left.



PSYCHOLOGY TRIP TO ROYAL HOLLOWAY (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)

YEAR 12

Students studying Psychology visited Royal Holloway College (University of London) for a Psychology event on Tuesday. Twelve students from Year 12 looked at an exhibition of research studies which had been carried out by the RHC Psychology department, with the researchers on hand to explain their work. Afterwards followed three mini-lectures on the topics of: values and their frequencies; sleep, dreaming & effects on memory; and misconceptions concerning empathy and autism. The college also provided free refreshments to keep everyone in good shape!

FURZE PLATT STUDENTS AT CROSS COUNTRY CUP



Furze Platt fielded three teams in the ESAA XC Cup at Reading Blue Coat School.

The Junior Boys (Years 7 and 8) finished a clear second behind the hosts, qualifying them for the South West regional round to be held at Sherbourne School, Dorset, in November. The Inter Boys were 5th but only 10 points behind second place and the Junior Girls were 6th.

Well run everyone.

YEAR 7 PGL, NETTLECOMBE, BOX HILL



Please see next week's newsletter for full details of our trips to Osmington Bay, Box Hill and Nettlecombe.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



CONSTRUCTION: Our Years 9 and 11 Construction group have had a fantastic start to the year.

The Year 9 group have made a tray, and the Year 11 group have completed their hinged tool box.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT: Our Year 10 class recently visited Kiddies Cabin Nursery at St Marks Hospital.

YEAR 10

Students will be completing the volunteering section of their Bronze Award in a childcare setting, and the purpose of the visit was to prepare them for that as well as helping them complete a piece of coursework.



Our students really enjoyed the experience, thank you to everyone at Kiddies Cabin Nursery for your support, and allowing us to visit.

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FRANCE AND GERMANY TRIPS

There are still a few spaces available on the History trip to France and Belgium and the Music trip to Germany.



HISTORY TRIP TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM

MUSIC TRIP TO GERMANY

The students enjoyed the experience to the nursery and made a number of positive comments about the visit, including:

"It helped us to visualise what a nursery environment looks like"

"It enabled us to visualise what we learn in class"

"The staff were nice, helpful and explained their roles well"

"It has helped with future career choices"

"It showed us how we should respond to children".

YEAR 10 DUKE OF EDINBURGH GROUP



Pictured are our Year 10 D of E group who are working with Maidenhead Cycle Hub for their volunteering section, helping to rebuild bikes for the charity to sell.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award (D of E) is the world's leading youth achievement award. It is a non-competitive programme of activities for anyone aged 14-24.

Participation in the D of E gives young people the opportunity to experience new activities or develop existing skills.

There are three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold award. The award is completed by choosing volunteering, physical and skills activities, going on an expedition, and for Gold only, taking part in a residential activity.

Volunteering - undertaking service to individuals or the community

Physical - improving an area of sport, dance or fitness activities

Skills - developing practical and social skills and personal interests

Expedition - planning, training for, and completion of, an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad

Residential - staying and working away from home during a shared activity

We are delighted to inform you that we will be delivering the Bronze Award to students in Years 9 & 10, and the Silver Award to those in Year 12.

We would like to welcome you to a parents' information evening, on Tuesday 17th October. For Bronze participants, this will take place between 6pm - 7pm, and for Silver, 7pm-8pm.

We anticipate that this event will be oversubscribed, therefore it is essential you reserve a space on My Little Box Office, under [Box Office Tickets](#) via the Parents' tab on our website.

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Thursday 23rd November 6pm - 8pm

We are delighted to announce we will be holding our annual Careers and Higher Education Fair, for students in Years 9 to 13 and their parents. This popular event, being held on Thursday 23rd November at Furze Platt Senior School, brings together an array of careers for our students to find out more about and talk to people who are doing these jobs. As always, we welcome new ideas. If you would like to be here to represent your career or could suggest anyone who we could approach, please contact judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net.

Thank you.



COMMUNITY NEWS



ARE YOU THINKING OF BOOKING YOUR 2018 SUMMER HOLIDAY?

Expedia * British Airways * Love Holidays * Thomson - TUI / Thomas Cook * First Choice * Disneyland Paris * Haven Holidays * Jet 2 * Legoland and many more!

If you book through any of these retailers, please use EasyFundraising.org.uk to log in first and choose Furze Platt Senior School as the cause you support. It does not cost you a penny but we have raised over £2400 so far and can raise a substantial amount more from major purchases such as holidays, cars and home appliances.

Please also consider us when purchasing Business Deals * Entertainment * Electricals * Fashion and Beauty * Home and Garden * Insurance * Finance * Mobiles * Travel * Utilities

Click on easyfundraising.org.uk and choose to support Furze Platt Senior School.

Thank you.

SUPPORT US THROUGH EASYFUNDRAISING

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 could also make £6,000 per year to help fund requests for the school, so we are keen to ensure as many numbers are sold as possible. Thank you.

SUPPORT US THROUGH THE 200 CLUB



Learning Together

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Would you like to join the support staff of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school?

Due to promotion we have the following opportunity, to start as soon as possible:

French Language Assistant

Term time only, 7.5 hours per week with an additional 1.5 hours per week administration

Salary range £4,930 - £5,255 pa depending on experience

You will support the Modern Foreign Languages teaching staff in preparing students for their French verbal examinations at GCSE and A Level and provide a small amount of administrative support to the Modern Foreign Languages department.

For further information about this role and in order to complete an application form, please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com. Please return applications to kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net

Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

THE BIG QUIZ

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Friday 10th November 2017

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'.



£15

per person



MAX.6

people per table

But you can book in
any numbers from
1-6 and we'll find
teams for you.



FOOD

Giant Pan Catering
from
Ashridge Delicious
Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons
Forestiere and Cassoulet



PLUS

bar & prize
raffle

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