



SCHOOL NEWS

REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

The First World War ended almost exactly 99 years ago, leaving 10m soldiers and an equal number of civilians dead. Over the past week, six exceptional students - Daisy Rippon (Year 7), Zoe Hobson (Year 10), Dan Wallace (Year 10), Hashim Iqbal (Year 11), Franklyn Chipindu (Year 11) and Giulia Mubeen (Year 13) have paid moving tributes to the fallen in a series of assemblies. The assemblies ended with the Last Post being played by Anna Gambrill (Year 8) and Jamie Alexander (Year 10).

Giulia Mubeen said: *"I am very lucky to have been involved in presenting this year's Remembrance Assembly.*

The professionalism of everyone's delivery was hugely impressive and collectively, I believe that we were successful in stating key elements and giving important examples (such as that of Nurse Edith Cavell) to portray the devastation of the First World War. Despite the sombre tone that the assembly induced, I greatly enjoyed working alongside my peers and found the prospect of a student-led morning particularly exciting. However, the assembly did resonate with me, especially because of the inclusion of the poetic works of Rabindranath Tagore, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen. This element was certainly thought-provoking as well as rather emotional.

I am sure that I speak for many others when I say that the assembly allowed me to truly pause and reflect on the carnage that goes on in the world today, and think about all the things that the human race should be doing to promote unity rather than hatred."

Pictured: Edith Cavell, and students from our assembly.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 2)

WED 15
NOVEMBER

Year 12 Drive Safe Stay Alive
Conference

12-3pm

Forthcoming Events

THU 23
NOVEMBER

CHEF - Careers and Higher
Education Fair for Years 9-13

6-8pm

NEW COURSE - PSYCHOLOGY GCSE



We are pleased to announce that we will be launching Psychology as an additional course designed for Years 8 and 9. It will give students a chance to study a brand new subject, which will enrich their current school experience. This fantastic opportunity could also allow your daughter/son to achieve an extra GCSE qualification ahead of Year 11. The course would run once a week after school and as such requires commitment from the students: they are expected to purchase their own textbook and devote necessary independent study time.

Students are welcome to apply and should contact Miss Paradowska to put their name forward. A presentation for pupils will be delivered in GEN1 on Thursday, 16th November, during break 2. As this is an optional course, candidates will be selected on their current attainment and attitude to learning in other subjects to ensure they are suitable.

Please contact Miss Paradowska (renata.paradowska@furzeplatt.net) if you require further details.

Selected candidates' parents will be invited to attend a meeting before the course begins.

STUDENT RECOGNITION



Well done to the following students:

Zac Hudson-Clark - Year 10. He has been volunteering at Furze Platt Junior School, reading to Year 3 students. He has been an excellent role model to the younger students, and a great ambassador for our school. Well done Zac.

Our Art Department have nominated a set of wonderful shell house designs from Marlow Year 7 students: well done to Sasha Proudnikov, Wyn Wheller-Parr and Ruby Prendergast.



GCSE PREPARATION - PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS



Friday 10th – Friday 17th November 2017

We are entering a very important time for Year 11s, as they prepare to excel in next summer's GCSE exams. Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) are a crucial part of that preparation both testing students' progress across their different subjects and familiarising them with the rigours of exam papers and the environment of the exam hall.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone (01628 625308) or email (james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net).

Mr J Sheppard (Deputy Headteacher)

YEAR 11 PPE LETTER AND TIMETABLE

PSYCHOLOGY TRIP TO UNIVERSITY OF LONDON - ROYAL HOLLOWAY COLLEGE



Staff and students from our Psychology department paid a visit to a Royal Holloway College (University of London) Psychology event. Thirteen students from Year 12 spent a day learning how to design, conduct and summarise questionnaire research in the context of designing their own research project. The students will now carry out their research and present their findings to the RHC psychology department. This work is sponsored by the EHRC (Economic & Health Research Council).

PFTA MEETING - UPDATE



This week's meeting was excellent and we welcomed a number of new parents. Thank you to all parents, staff and PTFA members who attended.

During the meeting, we made 2 requests for funding which were both approved by the PTFA; climbing equipment for our PE department (helmets and ropes); and visualisers for our Geography department. These items will make a big difference to the departments involved and we are very grateful for the donation.

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR 2017

Thursday 23rd November 6-8pm



This year our Careers and Higher Education Fair, open for all students in Years 9 to 13 and their parents, will be taking place on Thursday 23rd November from 6-8pm.

There will be over 20 universities here and around 40 stalls representing a wide variety of careers from Accountancy and Architecture to Teaching and Veterinary Science. There will also be the opportunity to attend some short talks, on the topics including the advantages of going to university, apprenticeships, careers in the law and careers in IT/Computing.

Thank you also to everyone who has purchased a number or two for our 200 Club. The draw will be taking place at our Quiz Night tonight (which has sold out). Good luck to everyone who has entered and to those taking part in the quiz! If you would like to purchase numbers for the next draw (in February) please follow the links here:

Annual payment (£57 per year): <https://donorbox.org/furze-platt-senior-school-ptfa-200-club-annual>

Monthly payment (£5 per month): <https://donorbox.org/furze-platt-senior-school-ptfa-200-club-monthly>

Our PTFA raises money through the events mentioned above as well as by parents using the website easyfundraising.org.uk.

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR DRAFT PROGRAMME

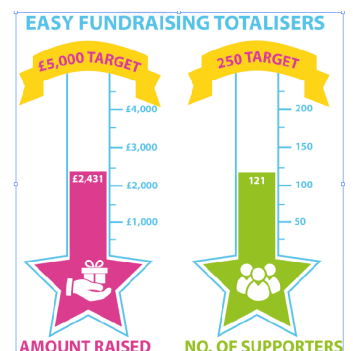
YEAR 9 RUGBY



Our Year 9 Rugby team played Highdown School (Caversham) in the quarter finals. The team put on a brave display showing some great rugby in places and admirable determination throughout, and were unfortunate not to go through. MoM was Adam Cuva.

Buying via this website does not cost you a penny more but the school benefits financially. We are encouraging all parents to use this website – your support directly benefits all our children here at Furze Platt.

Please help us achieve our targets. Thank you.





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

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

IT Infrastructure Engineer

Salary range £28,000 – £32,000 pa, depending on experience. To start as soon as possible, permanent, full-time, 37 hours per week.

Closing date: Monday 20th November 2017 Early applications are welcome

The IT team is looking for someone who will specialise in and be able to take charge of all hardware aspects of the school's business network, assume responsibility for evaluating and maintaining server performance and work with the IT team to assist in the resolution of service desk tickets. This is an opportunity to develop your career and be involved in our goal to expand our provision of a professional IT service to other schools in the local area.

The successful candidate will:

- have experience of Hyper-V or VMware Clusters, VLANs and Subnets
- have experience of storage SAN/NAS and of backup and recovery (ideally VEEAM)
- have good technical ability and the necessary analytical and problem solving skills to solve IT hardware and software problems.
- be able to work independently and use their own initiative, but also be an effective team player.

For details of how to apply please visit the website www.furzeplatt.com, current vacancies where you can find further specific details of this role