

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

End of Term Newsletter - Issue #54



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the Christmas edition of Furze Platt Focus, our termly round up of everything that has been happening at school. We celebrated yet more excellent examination results in the summer and have also had our highest number of applications from prospective students. Events this term have included our annual Celebration evening, whole school Open Evening and our fifth Careers and Higher Education Fair which

took place in November, as well as our Christmas concert and numerous House Challenges. Thank you to everyone who took part in, donated to or visited these events. It has also been wonderful to see so many success stories from our students, staff and alumni with such a wide range of talents and achievements, both in and out of school. We are looking forward to many of our students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards as extra curricular activities this year. Our Year 7 students have enjoyed their PGL trips to Dorset, and have settled in to senior school life well. At the other end of the school, our popular Sixth Form Open Evening will be held in January where we welcome students from not only our own school but across Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. I hope you enjoyed the recent snow and a Merry Christmas to you all.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### YEAR 9 INJECTIONS (FEMALE STUDENTS)

Please could you return reply slips giving permission for your daughter to receive injections (these are for all Year 9s (Td/IPV) Tetanus, diphtheria and polio) as soon as possible.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Important Dates Next Term

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

<b>MON 18</b> DECEMBER	Christmas Holidays	
<b>MON 1</b> JANUARY		
<b>TUE 2</b> JANUARY	INSET DAY	
<b>WED 3</b> JANUARY	Start of Term 3 - All Years (Week 1)	8.40am - 3.15pm
<b>MON 8</b> JANUARY	Year 8 World Music Day	
<b>MON 8 - FRI 19</b> JANUARY	Year 8 GCSE Taster Lesson Fortnight	
<b>TUE 9</b> JANUARY	PTFA Meeting	6pm - 7pm
<b>THU 11</b> JANUARY	Sixth Form Open Evening - Main Hall Guest Students start at 6pm Current Students start at 6.25pm	6pm - 9pm
<b>THU 18</b> JANUARY	Year 8 Band 'F' Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
<b>WED 24</b> JANUARY	Year 11 Music Recording Day	
<b>THU 25</b> JANUARY	Year 8 Band 'P' Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
<b>MON 29</b> JANUARY	Interhouse Football & Netball	
<b>FRI 2</b> FEBRUARY		
<b>THU 1</b> FEBRUARY	Intermediate Maths Challenge	All Day
	Year 8 Options Evening	6pm -
<b>MON 5</b> FEBRUARY	Year 11 Photographs	
<b>MON 5 - THU 8</b> FEBRUARY	School Musical	7.30pm - 9.30pm
<b>FRI 9</b> FEBRUARY	End of Term 3	
<b>MON 12 - FRI 16</b> FEBRUARY	Half Term	
<b>FRI 19</b> FEBRUARY	Start of Term 4 - All Years (Week 1)	8.40am - 3.15pm

## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

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Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

I am delighted to be able to invite you to this event, the primary purpose of which is to inform you of the full range of opportunities available to those wishing to take courses post 16. We are very proud of our Sixth Form and its record of high achievement. The evening will hopefully provide students with the information they need to make informed choices when selecting their courses. Please could we ask you to arrive at 6.15pm, so the presentation in the Main Hall starts promptly at 6.25pm.

The new prospectuses will be available on the evening.

The programme for the evening is outlined below. The main presentation will be followed by the possibility of attending up to FIVE talks on various 'A' Levels and Level 3 Applied courses.

6pm – 6.20pm External Applicants: Welcome Meeting

6.25pm – 6.55pm Main Presentation in the Main Hall: introductory talks by:-

1. Amy Slater, Sam Lloyd and Will Parsons (Student Leadership Team) - Welcome.
2. Mr J Dollery, Head of Sixth Form, Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher and Ms T White, Headteacher – The Admissions Process; The Curriculum; Induction; Tutorial Programme; Academic Monitoring/Reporting; Preparation for Careers and Higher Education.

All subject presentations will be available at the following times:

1. 7pm – 7.20pm
2. 7.25pm – 7.45pm
3. 7.50pm – 8.10pm
4. 8.15pm – 8.35pm
5. 8.40pm – 9pm

I do hope you will be able to attend this valuable meeting.

Mr J Dollery, Head of Sixth Form

## STEEL PAN WORKSHOP

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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Reminder about Year 8 Steel Pan workshop. Please return the slip if you would like your son/daughter to participate. It is a fantastic opportunity to play some instruments we don't offer regularly in the Music Department.

Miss K Johnston, Head of Music

YEAR 8 STEEL PAN WORKSHOP - REPLY SLIP



## SCHOOL NEWS

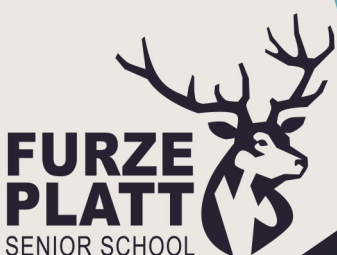
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### ENGLISH 'FOOD FOR THOUGHT'

This term our Year 9 students have been studying 'Food for Thought'; a creative and engaging module to develop the skills needed for GCSE non-fiction reading and writing. This week they have been improving their sensory language by indulging in cakes, writing a descriptive piece using their senses. The groups worked together to provide a descriptive list of words. The winning team were: Sean Farrell, Simon Bell, Ted Lyall, Will Morrison, Jonny Barrett and Jack Sewell. Pictured, Simon and Sean.



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# SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2018

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January

GUEST STUDENTS START 6PM

CURRENT STUDENTS START 6.25PM

## A-LEVEL RESULTS

2017

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

Special congratulations to Sean Farrell who submitted the winning piece:

### Chocolate Swiss Roll

*A light and fluffy snack. This cake is great for any time of year or day. With a light creamy vanilla filling, this cake has got to be my favourite of the selection. Cheap and easy to make, it's a creamy, sticky treat for all the family. A cylinder of chocolate heaven with a vanilla filling, its squelchy texture seduces your senses to a calm point where you can do nothing but relax. A sweet, puffy cake with the reputation of a lion in the animal kingdom. This cake is a true leader of the cake selection.*



Thank you to all students who have met with me this term to log onto their E DofE account. I have seen some fantastic activities logged for individual sections, and I hope you enjoy working towards them. Please can you ask your son / daughter to check their accounts to ensure I have approved their activities.

Please continue to spend at least one hour per week on your activities, and I will meet with you again in the New Year to check your progress.

If there are any students who still need to upload their programme planners, please click the links below to a couple of YouTube tutorials to help with this. I can be contacted by email if you need help with any usernames or passwords.

**TUTORIAL 1: GETTING STARTED, SETTING TIMESCALES**

**TUTORIAL 2: GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR SECTIONS**

Please see group lists in the link below:

**DOFE GROUP LISTS**

Groups need to meet with Miss Carty after school in IT2 on the following dates:

- Groups 1-3 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 4-6 on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 7-9 on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 10-12 on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 13- 15 on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 16-18 on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 19-21 on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January
- Groups 22-24 on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

### Year 10

Congratulations to the following Year 10 DofE group, who have been fundraising for Maidenhead Cycle Hub at Sainsburys for their volunteering section. So far they have raised £152, which will be a great help to the charity.

Pictured - Andreas Bohdjalian, Daniel J Webb, Josh Bond, Zac Hudson-Clark, Tom Cullum, Luke Leaver, Will Sapstead & Harrison Bryant



### Years 11 and 13

Congratulations to students in Years 11 & 13 for receiving sectional certificates for their DofE Award on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December by Ms White and their Award Verifier, Mrs Le Page.

### **Expedition certificates:**

- Umar Aziz
- Keisha Carty
- John Conacher
- Samantha Coombs
- Azida Fernandes
- Frazer Finlan
- Olivia Flood
- Dan Hazel
- George Jensen
- Sam Kirkaldie
- Jonathan Otun
- Jay Paine
- Will Parsons

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- Tom Schilling
- Jack Shine
- Ben Stepney
- Bradley Stone
- Max Welland- Billam
- Aran Wellman

**Physical certificates:**

- Azida Fernandes
- Dan Hazel
- George Jensen
- Will Parsons
- Tom Schilling
- Jack Shine
- Aran Wellman

**Skills certificates:**

- Keisha Carty
- Samantha Coombs
- John Conacher
- Azida Fernandes
- Will Parsons
- Ben Stepney

**Volunteering certificates:**

- Keisha Carty
- Aran Wellman

**Year 9**



Our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh group are sewing for their skills section with Craft Coop. During the past few weeks, they have been making Christmas cards, and they will be making cushion covers next term.

**DofE Payments**

The deadline for the remaining balance has been extended to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018, payments can now be made on My Little Box Office using the links below.

Please contact me at [desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net](mailto:desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net) if you have any questions.

Miss Carty, Alternative Curriculum Support Worker

**BRONZE AWARD - FINAL PAYMENT**

**SILVER AWARD - FINAL PAYMENT**

**LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT**

**French**  
Keith Cox (Year 8)

**Spanish**  
Oliver Farrell (Year 7) and Elise Brammer (Year 10)

**German**  
Harvey Buckland (Year 7)

**FURZE PLATT STUDENT IS FUTURE GOALKEEPING STAR**



Congratulations to Alexis Rottier, Year 9, who has been selected for Junior Development for Berkshire Hockey and is now through to the Junior Academy U14 for Goalkeeping. She has also been selected to play for the county and was one of only 2 goalkeepers selected from over 30 contenders to play for U14s at Berkshire this season.

**SIXTH FORM MUFTI DAY**



Our Sixth Form held a mufti/Christmas jumper day yesterday in aid of their Sixth Form Charity, the Helen Douglas House Children's Hospice Charity. They raised over £446, thank you to everyone who participated.

## SECRET LETTER DAY

Students were invited to write a thank you letter to someone at Furze Platt Senior School who has made a difference to them. Thank you to Miss Jayne, Acting Head of English, for organising the day but especially to all students who participated, there were over 150 letters delivered and these were really appreciated by the recipients.



staff and Sixth Formers who came along to support the event and a very special thank you to Mr Djaelani for organising it. Great result from all in Dorney House who were the overall winners.

## TERM 1 & 2 - HOUSE CHALLENGES

### Countries and Flags

Please find below the results from this term's House challenge. Points from the Year 7 & Years 8-13 quizzes were combined to give the following result. Congratulations to Eton, the winning House.



### Interhouse Fitness Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in this term's Fitness Challenge, with high numbers of staff and students representing their Houses in a variety of challenges and showing a very strong competitive spirit. Thank you to all





Individual Event	Placing	Team Event	Placing
Dorney	1	Marlow	1
Bisham	2	Dorney	2
Cookham	3	Windsor	3
Eton	4	Bisham	4
Henley	5	Cookham	5
Bray	6	Henley	6
Windsor	7	Bray	7
Marlow	8	Eton	8





### Final Results:



## BRAY HOUSE ARE OUR END OF TERM WINNERS

A special mention to all of the students nominated below by their respective Heads of Houses. These students have been put forward for their positive attitudes and helpful behaviour, and contribute to a wide range of school activities.

11,340 HP	12,520 HP	11,300 HP	11,910 HP
 <b>Mia Lawrence</b> & <b>Hadi Anabtawi</b>	 <b>Sabrina Lee</b> & <b>Charlie Badman</b>	 <b>Lily Rasti</b> & <b>Kieran King</b>	 <b>Gabriella Hassell</b> & <b>Sam Jones</b>

11,060 HP	11,760 HP	11,770 HP	11,330 HP
 <b>Januki De Alwis</b> & <b>Jay Keyte</b>	 <b>Grace Campbell</b> & <b>Eoin El-Hawary</b>	 <b>Daisy-Leigh Thompson</b> & <b>Tayab Bashier</b>	 <b>Eve McCaffrey</b> & <b>Finnley Tanner</b>

## SUBJECT NOMINATIONS

### Art & Design Nominations

- Year 7: Sabrina Lee / Logan Wheeler
- Year 8: Isabelle Annereau / Jack Staunton
- Year 9: Maizy Scott / Harry Shrimpton
- Year 10: Imogen Turner / Jamie Alexander
- Year 11: Amber Miles / Dominik Kurpiel
- Year 12: Kate McGuinness
- Year 13: Candida Correia

### Drama Nominations

- Year 7: Daisy Rippon / Ben Roberts
- Year 8: Ella Mokfi / Nicholas Holdsworth
- Year 9: Lottie Hearsey / Hugh Rickard

### Drama Nominations (cont.)

- Year 10: Maria Kocurowska / Joseph Tarbit
- Year 11: Lydia Rickard / Daniel White
- Year 12: Olivia Webster

### Physical Education Nominations

- Year 7: Jessica Bristow / Joshua Keane
- Year 8: Isabella Hedges / Joshua Dilley
- Year 9: Amelia Gilbert / Jonty Bryant
- Year 10: Emily St Lawrence / Alex Ash
- Year 11: Molly Sammes / Louis Forisky
- Year 12: Nasir Parvez
- Year 13: Sam Lloyd

### History and Government & Politics Nominations

- Year 7: Jade Winsor / Joshua Woodhatch
- Year 8: Polly Clements / Alessio Reina
- Year 9: Nicola Oakley / Jonathan Barrett
- Year 10: Gaia Goldberg / Cameron Hing
- Year 11: Sophie Caldwell / Lewis Warner-Jones
- Year 12: Zoha Naser
- Year 13: Jasmine Nowacki

### Geography Nominations

- Year 7: Phoebe Forward / Sasha Proudnikov
- Year 8: Hannah Thomas / Jacob Gould
- Year 9: Florence Checkley / Adam Cuva
- Year 10: Tahlia Ratcliffe / Kyle Bramwell
- Year 11: Charlotte Williams / Peter Anderson
- Year 12: Gabrielle Ford
- Year 13: Sarah-Jane Hampton

### Music Nominations

- Year 7: Isobelle Phipps / Michael Lee-Thorp
- Year 8: Georgia Rooney / Alfie Windsor
- Year 9: Eliza Stevenson / Edward Hunt
- Year 10: Caitlin Murray / Freddie Grant
- Year 11: Emily Bristow / Tobias Lattimer

### Progress in English Nominations

- Year 7: Georgina Castignetti / Lucas Bourne
- Year 8: Lucy Walmsley / Dylan Gardner
- Year 9: Wiktorja Druzynska / Bobby Mogford

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## Maths Nominations



- Year 7: Sumayah Siddiqi / Haider Summandar  
Year 8: Daisy Hellings / Luke Thomson  
Year 9: Abigail Dorrat / Ben Alberts  
Year 10: Rachel Kirtland / Sam Davies  
Year 11: Molly McArdle / Jake Streatfield  
Year 12: Matthew Ashworth  
Year 13: Polly Batstone

## Technology, Food Tech Nominations



- Year 7: Phoebe Langley / Hadi Anabtawi  
Year 8: McKenzie Davison / Ashton Nicholls  
Year 9: Rebecca Matthews / Marko Borkovic  
Year 10: Sophie Sutton / Rajveer Notay  
Year 11: Amelia Boulton / Joshua Bourne

## Product Design Nominations



- Year 12: Isaac Birch  
Year 13: Zach Penman

## ICT Nominations



- Year 9: Leah Lesner / Billy Gurney  
Year 10: Isabel Young / Adam Gibbon  
Year 11: Anass Ghailani-Hassani  
Year 12: George Geeves  
Year 13: George Banks

## Computing Nominations



- Year 12: Tanya Newman  
Year 13: John Conacher

## Languages Nominations



- Year 7: Ashlyn Bull / Ben Jones  
Year 8: Anna Gambrill / Victor Harrit  
Year 9: Tilly Pink-Costello / Fraser Quin  
Year 10: Kyna McCall / Peter Somerville  
Year 11: Elizabeth Healey / Muhammad Rashid  
Year 12: Anna Gregory  
Year 13: Giulia Mubeen

## Philosophy & Religion/Ethics Nominations



- Year 7: Caitlin Roberts / Vineeth Nair  
Year 8: Ellie Gavin / Keith Cory

## Philosophy & Religion/Ethics Nominations (cont.)



- Year 9: Lauryn Tagne / Sean Wilson  
Year 11: Liv Howley / Franklyn Chipindu  
Year 12: Megan Green  
Year 13: Charlotte Pontin

## Psychology Nominations



- Year 12: Jamie Aird  
Year 13: Daniel Hazel

## Business Nominations



- Year 10: Katie Leech-Baldwin / Oscar Abrahamson  
Year 11: Zara Amin / Max Lock  
Year 12: Mariam Ahmed  
Year 13: Robert Gower

## Economics Nominations



- Year 12: Jamie Wilson  
Year 13: Ore Ogidan

## Citizenship Nominations



- Year 7: Adleigh Webb / Tayab Bashier  
Year 8: Francesca Dale / George Webb  
Year 9: Ava Neeves / Freddie Stevens  
Year 10: Emma Cowley / Daniel Wallace

## English Nominations



- Year 7: Mia Lawrence / Karim Anabtawi  
Year 8: Abbie Taylor / Connor Soden  
Year 9: Isabella Considine / Marcus Brienza  
Year 10: Bonny Kitt Woods / Joseph Stimson  
Year 11: Georgia Mead / Adam Gambrill  
Year 12: Ellie Dickens  
Year 13: Louisa Snape

## Media Nominations



- Year 12: Nina Baston  
Year 13: Weronika Walerowska

## Child Development Nominations



- Year 9: Mia Shields  
Year 10: Hannah Parkman  
Year 11: Millie Hayward

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## Construction Nominations

- Year 9: Noemie Roels  
Year 10: Luke Leaver  
Year 11: Umar Aziz

## Duke of Edinburgh Nominations

- Year 9: Izabella Brewis / Thomas Stimson  
Year 10: Lauren-Louise Bryant / Zac Hudson-Clark  
Year 11: Frazer Finlan

## Science Nominations

- Year 7: Sharanya Singh / Kieran King  
Year 8: Scarlett Phillips / Samuel Mizik  
Year 9: Amelia Ballard / Jamie Dobson  
Year 10: Maria Santos / Philip Harrit  
Year 11: Megan Clements / Daniel Impey

## Biology Nominations

- Year 12: Charlotte Gould  
Year 13: Robert Anderson

## Chemistry Nominations

- Year 12: Richard Mulvany  
Year 13: Christopher Berger

## Physics Nominations

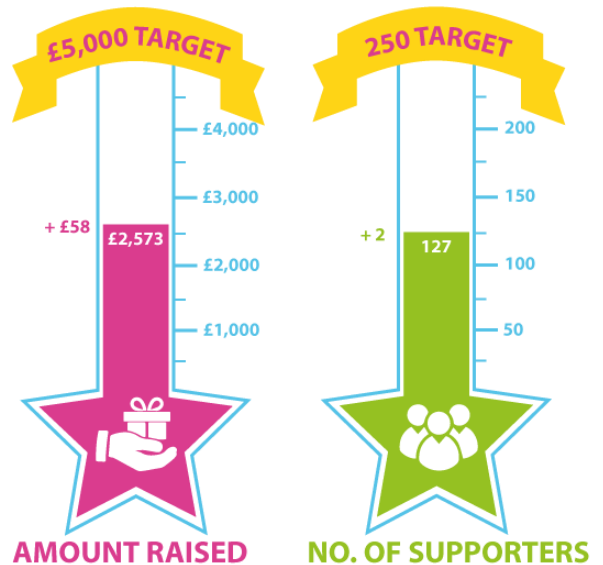
- Year 12: Prem Bhogal  
Year 13: Jonathan Knowles

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Thank you.

## EASY FUNDRAISING TOTALISERS



## REMINDERS

### ENGLISH GCSE QUOTATION BOOKS

Please click on the link below to view a letter from the English Department regarding English GCSE quotation books.

[ENGLISH GCSE QUOTATION BOOKS LETTER](#)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE

The total raised so far is over £2500, thank you to everyone who has supported us so far. Remember, it

**CHRISTMAS Double Donation WEEK**  
It's here! **11th - 17th Dec**  
Double Donation Week is back at easyfundraising for one week only!  
[Shop now](#)

### RUSSELL GROUP TALK

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 3.20-4.15, DS2

On 4<sup>th</sup> January Dr Joe Organ from Brasenose College, University of Oxford will be coming to talk to Year 11 students after school. He will be talking about Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities and telling students what they should be doing now in order to maximise their chances of going to a top university in the future.

YEAR 11



*We hope you have a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!*



FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

# SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January

6.00pm – External Applicants:  
Welcome Meeting

6.25pm – Main Presentation for current students  
and external applicants

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PLATT**  
SENIOR SCHOOL



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