



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

YEAR  
11**DEADLINE FOR SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS -****Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

A reminder to all students that the deadline to submit applications, via UCAS Progress, to join Furze Platt Senior School Sixth Form is Friday 9th February 2018.

A timeline of our application process is available on page 10 of our Sixth Form Prospectus & Course Guide 2018.

If you have any queries in relation to applying to our Sixth Form please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form Team.

Mr J Dollery, Head of Sixth Form

**SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN - APPLY NOW**

**TOP  
STATE SCHOOL FOR  
A-LEVEL  
PROGRESS  
IN WINDSOR AND  
MAIDENHEAD**

**REPORTS**

Year 11 reports have been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

## Next Week (Week 1)

MON 5	Year 11 Photographs	
MON 5 - THU 8 FEBRUARY	School Musical - Addams Family	7pm - 9.30pm
FRI 9 FEBRUARY	End of Term 3	
MON 12 - FRI 16 FEBRUARY	Half Term	
FRI 19 FEBRUARY	Start of Term 4 - All Years (Week 1)	8.40am - 3.15pm

**TERM DATES 2018 - 2019**

by going to our website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and clicking on Parents, then Reports or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com).

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs K Avery (Data Manager)

**VIEW REPORT****YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING**

Deadline for applications: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**YEAR 8 OPTIONS PRESENTATION****YEAR 8 OPTIONS BOOKLET****YEAR 8 OPTIONS FORM  
RETURN BY FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**YEAR  
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# TOP THIRD NATIONALLY FOR GCSE PROGRESS

## YEARS 7 AND 8 – NATIONAL '500 WORD STORY COMPETITION'



Over the next few weeks, students from Years 7 + 8 will be competing in BBC Radio 2's National '500 Word Story Competition'.

The competition aims to showcase imagination and originality, and the prize is the chance to attend an awards ceremony with their work being read out by a celebrity and even tea on the Queen's row barge if they win. Winners and runners up will also win an abundance of books

Good luck to everyone involved.

## YEARS 10 AND 11 GCSE MUSIC 'WICKED – THE MUSICAL' THEATRE TRIP



**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

The letter regarding Year 10 & 11 GCSE Music Trip is in the link below.

[WICKED MUSICAL TRIP LETTER AND REPLY SLIP](#)

## YEAR 9 GCSE DRAMA THEATRE TRIP - THE WOMAN IN BLACK



**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

*'The story begins when young Arthur Kipps, a junior solicitor,*

*is sent to settle the affairs of Alice Drablow.*

*He sees a woman dressed in black at her funeral, though apparently no one else does.*

*At Eel Marsh House, a house beyond a causeway,*

*Arthur is haunted by noises and sightings of an unknown and mysterious figure,*

*but not so unknown to all'*

Your son/daughter is studying GCSE Drama with a focus on the conventions of horror stories and looking at *The Woman in Black* as a stimulus this academic year. Therefore we are planning an educational visit to see *The Woman in Black* at the Fortune Theatre in London on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We will meet outside reception at 4:30pm and arrive back to school at approximately 11:30pm dependent on traffic (students will be asked to contact home 20 minutes before we arrive home). Year 9 students will be studying this text throughout the year and therefore this will be a compulsory theatre visit.

In order for this to go ahead we require a contribution of £26.00 which will include coach travel and ticket costs. Payment and permissions, giving your consent and your emergency contact details for the event, should be made via Little Box Office accessed through the 'Parents' tab on our website or using the link below.

On the day of the trip, students will need to wear appropriate clothes for the theatre (smart/casual) and to have some money for dinner in a fast food restaurant.

Miss S Gibson, Drama Teacher

[WOMAN IN BLACK THEATRE TRIP - BOOK HERE](#)

## YEAR 10 SEX & RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION



Please find in the link below a letter from our PSHE Department with regards to Sex and Relationships Education.

[YEAR 10 - SEX & RELATIONSHIPS LETTER](#)



## SCHOOL NEWS

### YEAR 9 FOOTBALL



Great result by our Year 9 Football team, beating Cox Green 2-0 in a closely contested away game. Captain Leon Best-Martinez led the team from the start with Max Noyce scoring both goals - a corner and then a header from a cross set up by Freddie Smith. MoM was Jamie Caldwell (midfield) and Will Cullum added his second clean sheet to the season.



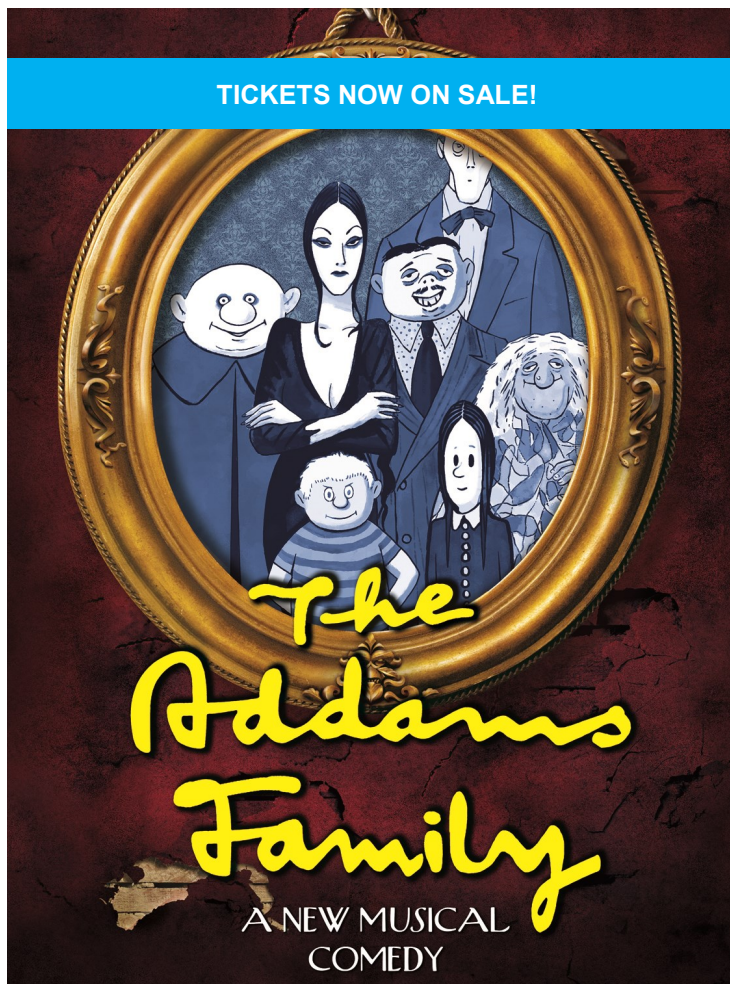
## ADDAMS FAMILY

Tickets for our Upper School musical 'The Addams Family' are on sale. Tickets are available via The Little Box Office on our website or using the link provided below. Here's a little teaser from our singing rehearsal :

SNEAK PREVIEW VIDEO CLIP

BUY TICKETS

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!



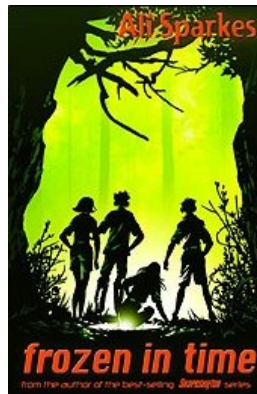
## AWARD WINNING AUTHOR VISITS FURZE PLATT

Well done to Jessica Bristow, Year 7, for winning the writing competition, part of the summer workshop run by author Ali Sparkes. The main prize was a school visit from her, as well as lots of books for Jessica.

### Ali Sparkes By Max Mitchell, Year 7

On 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 a well-known author called Ali Sparkes came to Furze Platt Senior School. Her greatest achievement is winning the Blue Peter Child Author Award of the year. She also had a shot at the popular gameshow Eggheads. Since she did very well at that, she attempted the show The Chase. Unfortunately, she didn't do too well at that.

She came in just after assembly and started by telling us about a book she wrote called Carjacked. It is about a



young boy called Jack who is very smart. When his parents were arguing in a gas station, someone stole their car. I loved the idea of the book. I was hooked and I hope to read it in the future.

The next thing we did was play a genius quiz. Some of the questions were hard and In the end, George Wood (Year 7) won it. Just as I thought it was all over Ali Sparkes made a new quiz, but this time it was for adults/teachers. My teacher, Mr. Hunter, won it. At the end I realised these were all the questions asked on The Chase.

Our next experience was writing our very own blurb, story and start paragraph. There were some hilarious ones. Our story got the author's vote. Once that was over, we did the 3 stages to find a book you like. Look at the front cover/name, read the blurb and read the first paragraph. My opinion varied as we went through different stages. In the end I picked 3 different books. I was having so much fun the session was over before I knew it!

Overall I thought the experience was very engaging. I loved her coming over to our school and doing this for us.

## YEAR 11 DOFE CONSTRUCTION

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, our Year 11 Construction group were invited to attend a workshop with the architects and designers of 'The Landing' development. A proposal is being designed for the site that will be primarily residential with around 500 homes in addition to new office and retail space around a new public square in the Town Centre.

The purpose of the workshop was to present the actual proposed designs to young people and get their responses, to give them a real insight into the development sector and ensuring their views about a development in their community were heard.

Our students asked a number of engaging questions to the professionals and found out lots of relevant information.

The Project:

- Will take 4-5 years to build in different phases
- Is estimated to cost £130 million
- Will help young people by providing apprenticeship and employment opportunities, and new homes
- Will impact on the community by increasing the population of the town centre

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The students made a number of suggestions for the area, including wifi, bike rental, benches, public phone chargers, a community centre and to make the Town Centre more vibrant.

Many thanks to all involved for the opportunity to attend the workshop and have a say in this exciting project.

## LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

### Spanish

Jacob Tanner, Rajveer Notay, Emma Cowley (Year 10),  
Vivienne Langton (Year 9), Ben Jones (Year 7)

### French

Josh Woodhatch, Jake Stanley (Year 7),  
Matthew Simpson, Lottie Hearsey, Emma Dawson  
(Year 9)

### German

Kyle Ovens (Year 9), Jonah Mofki (Year 10),  
Chloe Lennon (Year 11), Hannah Thomas (Year 8)



### 200 CLUB

Our next draw will be on the evening of the finale performance of our Upper School Addams Family musical. Three lucky winners will win large cash prizes! One number costs either £57 as an annual payment or you can pay a monthly payment of £5 for 12 months. You may purchase more than one number.

Our PTFA could benefit up to £6000 per year - so please do support us and have a chance at winning a large cash prize.

If you have not purchased your numbers yet Please click here for more details or below:

### 200 CLUB

#### Winning numbers for Draw 2

on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018



#### HOW DOES THE 200 CLUB WORK?

ANNUAL PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

### COOKHAM NURSERY - JOB VACANCY



COOKHAM NURSERY SCHOOL - LUNCH CLUB ASSISTANT



## EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE

The total raised so far is over £2600, thank you to everyone who has supported us so far.

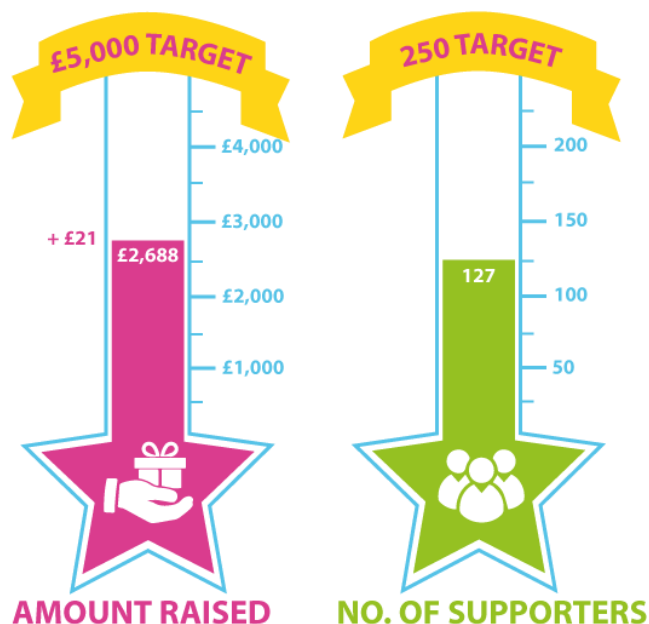
Remember, it doesn't cost you a penny more. Simply:

1. Log in to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and choose Furze Platt Senior School as your cause
2. Choose your retailer or shop

Carry on with your online shopping as normal

Thank you.

## EASY FUNDRAISING TOTALISERS



## REMINDERS

YEAR 11

### YEAR 11 LEAVERS' HOODIES

**Deadline Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

If you would like to order a Furze Platt Senior School Leavers' Hoodie for your son / daughter, you can do so on the order form via this link:

**ORDER A LEAVERS' HOODIE**



Please note: the deadline for orders and payment is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Any orders received after this date may not be processed.

Our Leavers' Hoodies are 80% cotton and 20% polyester, and a range of sizes are offered on the order form. If a nickname is requested this will appear on the back of the hoodie, with our school logo on the front.

If students would like to see a colour chart they are welcome to come to my office at breaktimes.

If you have any queries please do email me: [catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net](mailto:catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net)

Mrs C Johnstone, Marketing and Events Manager



YEAR 11

### YEAR 11 PHOTOS

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

As well as the whole year photograph, students will be able to have friendship group photos taken. Please can you encourage them to liaise with the groups they would like to be with.



YEAR 11

### YEAR 11 END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION OPPORTUNITIES

As your son/daughter reaches the end of their GCSE courses and the end of compulsory education, a number of traditions to mark this time have evolved in recent years. This is to let you know exactly what they are, and enable you to be aware of the financial implications of some of these.

**YEAR 11 END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS LETTER**



## ART AND COOKHAM HOUSE STAFF CHANGES

We wish Miss Holmes the very best as she begins her maternity leave on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January. We welcome Ms Amanda Taylor and Ms Lily Elms as replacement Art teachers, while Miss Tomlin will take over as Head of Cookham. We have made a small number of changes to Art classes to accommodate this transition, while Miss Tomlin's History classes will now be taken by Mr Summers.



## LATE SCHOOL START

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9.10am

I am writing to inform you that school will start at 9.10am on the following occasions:

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Students should go straight to period 2 which starts at 9.10am. The reason for this late start is because on these occasions, there are Year 7 or Year 8 parents' evenings taking place on the previous evening.

Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher

# PINKNEYS GREEN CRICKET CLUB ACADEMY

2018 – MORE SESSIONS, MORE CHOICE OF TIMES!

U9 (Boys & Girls in school years 4 & below)

## SOFTBALL SESSIONS

Thursday 18:00–19:00 at Desborough College

Sunday 13:00–14:00 at Newlands School

U11 & U13 (Boys & Girls in school years 5 & above)

## HARDBALL SESSIONS

Thursday 19:00–20:00 at Desborough College

Sunday 14:00–15:00 at Newlands School

2018 sees the third year of our indoor Academy. To cater for our ever growing colts section, we have introduced more sessions this year. Pinkneys Green is a fantastic community club, where everyone is welcome, so whether your child is an experienced cricketer or a complete novice, they will enjoy themselves at the PGCC Academy.

If you have any questions please call Nigel Bruce on 01628 302014 or [nigel@futurelegends.cricket](mailto:nigel@futurelegends.cricket). Numbers are limited – to book your child's place, click [here](#).



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