



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### INFORMATION PROJECT

We are looking at the different ways in which we as a school communicate with you electronically and how we collect online payments, and the different systems we use to do this. If you have any comments or feedback on this please click and complete the attached survey or send comments to [mila.coombs@furzeplatt.net](mailto:mila.coombs@furzeplatt.net). Thank you.

### SCHOOL COMMUNICATION SURVEY

### PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS INFORMATION

#### Key Dates

Year 9: 26<sup>th</sup> February - 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (in class lessons)

Year 11: Maths 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, English 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Year 12: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS HANDBOOK - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

### EXAM INFORMATION WEBPAGE

### YEAR 9 PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS

The Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. They take place during the normal school day. Unlike in Years 10 and 11, where PPEs run as formal exams in the Sports Hall, Year 9 PPEs will take place in their normal classrooms during normal lesson times.

The purpose of these exams is to start to familiarise students with the rigours of busy exam programmes and the structures of exam papers. The PPEs will also provide



### UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

#### Next Week (Week 2)

MON 26  
FEBRUARY

Parents' Community Group  
Evening

6pm -  
7.30pm

#### Forthcoming Events

TUE 6  
MARCH

PTFA AGM

6pm - 7pm

THU 8  
MARCH

Year 10 Parents' and Students'  
Consultation Evening

4.15pm -  
7.15pm

an initial assessment of where students are after the first 6 months of their GCSE studies.

Your son/daughter's teachers will tell them when their exams will be during the exam fortnight and will be providing them with specific information about what is going to be assessed in each of their exams.

Please may I ask you to work with your son/daughter to ensure that they prepare appropriately for these PPEs. They should be following a revision timetable and working steadily and sustainably towards the exams. While it may still seem in the distant future, these PPEs are an important part of the preparation for their final GCSE exams in Year 11.

PPE results will be published with the main progress reports due out at the end of March.

Mr J Sheppard, Deputy Headteacher

### DEADLINE FOR YEAR 11 PHOTOS IS MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### PHOTO COMPANY WEBSITE

## SKI TRIP

### TO LA THUILE, AOSTA VALLEY

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**SKI TRIP 2019 LETTER AND APPLICATION FORM**



13 students used the trip to 'kick start' their new exam paper 'Freedom and/or limitations'. Many students also visited the infamous White Chapel Gallery to see Mark Dion's latest exhibition to inspire their coursework and knowledge of contemporary artists.

The trip was designed so all of us were able to explore the outside world to look at this creative and artistic area of London, which we all found extremely useful as well as being an interesting day out. The outcomes from this work will be on display in the Art, Design and Technology show this summer.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to clearly mark your child's uniform, PE kit and other belongings so that lost property may be quickly returned to its owner.

Students who have lost items should go to school reception and ask for access to the lost property cupboards.

Lost property is kept for a period of six weeks, after which it is disposed of.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP 2018

By Holly Allen, Year 12 Photography student



On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February the Photography and Art A-Level students visited Brick Lane in London with their teachers Mrs Dixon and Mr Goswell. The Year 12 Photography students used this time to capture a range of photographs as a starting for their new Landscape project. The Year 12 Art students were exploring the culture of the space using the time to sketch people and architectural forms. The Year

## WICKED

Our Music Department arranged a trip to see the award winning musical Wicked this week. It was a fantastic show and our students were a credit to the school.



## WOMAN IN BLACK

Our Drama students went to see The Woman in Black last night. It was a great show, although scary in places!

Thank you to everyone who was involved with making these trips so successful.



## FURZE PLATT STUDENT WINS GOLD MEDAL IN GYMNASTICS



A fantastic result by Charlie Sinnott (Year 8) who won the Gold medal in his level and age group at the NDP Southern Region Qualifiers.

His success means he has qualified for the NDP English Championships in Telford in May and will be in the Southern Region Team at the NDP National Championships in Birmingham in July.

Charlie began Mens' Artistic Gymnastics when he was 8 years old and now does Tumbling, training 8 hours per week.

We wish him all the best for the Championships.



## YEAR 9 FOOTBALL RESULTS



Our Year 9 boys defeated Theale Green 6-2 in the County Cup & proceed to the next round. Rugby captain Iwan Hughes opened the scoring as football captain Jamie Caldwell led his team through a tremendous team effort against a strong side. In the league, they drew 4-4 v Edgebarrow School.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



Our Year 10 girls were out and about in Cookham on their recent navigation day, practising their map reading skills for their expedition.

A circular logo with a blue background and a white starburst in the center. A gold trophy is in the center of the starburst. The text 'Student Recognition Award' is written around the starburst.

**MOAZAM ISMAIL**  
**MARLOW HOUSE**

Since starting, Moazam has shown kindness and consideration to his peers within the tutor group. He is also very helpful when new students have entered the tutor group. He is there to explain the Student Diary and get them logged into the system successfully.

Mr N Brand, Head of Computing and ICT

## FRENCH

### LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Jack Knibbs Y7  
Francesca Dale Y8  
Jess Phillips Y11  
Ellie Kirtland Y7  
Bethan Terry Y10  
Alexia Popa Y8  
Charlie Sinnott Y8  
Amelie Owen Y8  
Lily Hatch Y7  
Jamie Dobson Y9  
Jayden Evans Y7  
Michael Lee-Thorp Y7  
Finley Cozens Y7

The meeting will be chaired by Laraine Holdsworth, Parent Governor. Ms White and Mr Towill will attend.

## PTFA AGM

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm Meeting Room**

All welcome, refreshments will be available.

## SPANISH

### LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

William Atkinson Y8  
Jamie Caldwell Y9  
Zain Ali Y10  
Claire O'Brien Y9  
Idris Riaz Y8  
Anna Gambrill Y8  
Georgie Moore Y8  
Amelia Hadley Y7  
Lola Ogden Y7  
Abi Palfrey Y7

## BIG QUIZ 6

**7.30pm, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**



After the record-breaking turnout of 20 teams for Big Quiz 5 make sure you book early for our next quiz on Friday 11th May. Jeff and Oz will be your quizmasters, with questions, music and fun team challenges. Teams of up to six, food and bar available. The next 200 Club winners will be drawn at the quiz, see the article overleaf for details.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK TICKETS](#)

## GERMAN

### LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Lola Oliver Y7  
Tegan Storey Y8  
Hadi Anabtawi Y7  
Sian Tucker Y7  
Keith Corey Y8  
Dylan Gardner Y8  
Anna Gambrill Y8  
Adam Gibbon Y10  
Lewis Warner-Jones Y11



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PARENTS' COMMUNITY MEETING

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 6pm – 7pm**

All welcome.

Discussion Item: Year 7 and 8 assessment and reporting: moving forward

## 200 CLUB - MATCH FUNDING

Fantastic news from our PTFA, who have raised over £1500 through Match Funding of funds for the 200 Club. Thank you to Rhian Sturdy for all her hard work and to Three for their generous donation.



### 200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 2  
on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018



Many congratulations to our three 200 Club Winners who are £170 richer after our last draw which took place just before the Finale performance of The Addams Family.

To be in with a chance of winning hundreds of pounds by joining our 200 club, please click the link below.

#### HOW DOES THE 200 CLUB WORK?

ANNUAL PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

## EXAM INVIGILATORS

We will shortly be looking to add to our team of Exam Invigilators. Information will be available on our website next week.

#### CURRENT VACANCIES

## EASYFUNDRAISING UPDATE

The total raised so far is over £2800, thank you to everyone who has supported us so far.

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

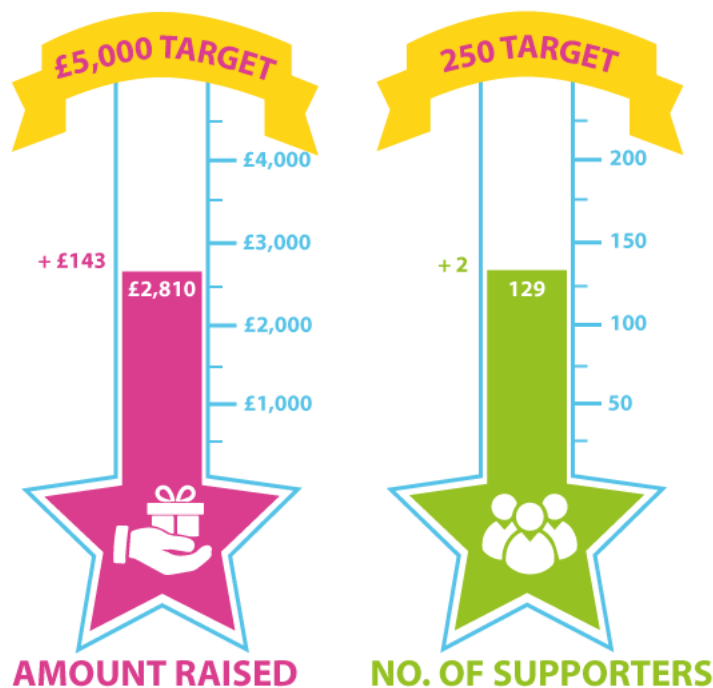
1. Log in to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and choose Furze Platt Senior School as your cause

2. Choose your retailer or shop

Carry on with your online shopping as normal

Thank you.

## EASY FUNDRAISING TOTALISERS



EASYFUNDRAISING WEBSITE



## REMINDERS

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

#### JULY END OF TERM CHANGE OF DATE

As you are probably aware, Furze Platt Senior School is part of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead's secondary school expansion strategy. This is a very exciting opportunity. The local authority is investing over £7 million in expanding and improving our facilities.

However, it is now clear that in order to ensure safety and minimise disruption to teaching over the next 18 months, we will need to close the school one week early in the Summer Term. Therefore, the last day that students will be required to attend school will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018. This decision has not been taken lightly and we apologise for any inconvenience.

All school trips scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> July – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 will still go ahead. To read the full letter please [click here](#).

Ms T White, Headteacher

## YEAR 8 OPTIONS FORM

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

YEAR  
8

### DEADLINE TODAY

YEAR 8 OPTIONS PRESENTATION

YEAR 8 OPTIONS BOOKLET

YEAR 8 OPTIONS FORM  
RETURN BY FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

## REPORTS

Year 10 and 13 reports were issued at the end of last term and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either 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  
10

YEAR  
13



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

### NEW MEETING DATES

Please see below for the new meeting dates and updated groups list:

Groups 7-9 on Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

Groups 10- 12 on Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

Groups 13-15 on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Groups 16- 18 on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> March

Groups 19- 21 on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> March

Groups 22- 24 on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> March

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS INFORMATION

DUKE OF EDINBURGH GROUPS LIST

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## BISHAM STUDENT SURVEY

Students in Bisham House will be participating in a survey run by a researcher from the Department of Psychology at Royal Holloway, University of London. The project involves investigating 13-18 year old's use of social networking sites (SNS) and the impacts of this use upon their social and emotional wellbeing. This research aims to explore access to SNS as well as perception of the risks and benefits of using SNS. Bisham pupils will be provided with the opportunity to discuss any further ideas that they have about SNS use via an anonymous platform.

We will be provided with a summary of the findings at the end of the study.

Mr C Marris, Psychology Teacher

LETTER TO PARENTS OF BISHAM STUDENTS

## 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

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[CLICK HERE FOR PDF SKI TRIP 2019 LETTER AND APPLICATION FORM](#)

Deposits due by 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018



# THE BIG QUIZ



# 6

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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'.



per person



people per table

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



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



bar & prize raffle

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