

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #55.10



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL MEALS PAYMENT SYSTEM

Next week the school will be changing from Squid to a new payment system called WisePay.

Currently our school community uses Squid to pay for meals eaten on the premises. We will be implementing the new system, WisePay, from next week. As part of the change over there will be a small window of **one day** when you will be unable to top up your child's Squid account. That day will be **Tuesday 3rd July**. You can continue to top up Squid until 5pm on Monday 2nd July to ensure that there is enough balance to cover any food or drink bought on Tuesday. From Wednesday 4th July top up will be via the new system only. WisePay logins will be sent out for this early next week.

Please note that all money already in credit on Squid will be automatically rolled over to WisePay on 4th July.

In summary:

You can top up Squid until 5pm on Monday 2nd July.

Please ensure your child has money in their account for using on Tuesday 3rd July.

Tuesday 3rd July– **Squid closed** to all further top ups and new system not yet running.

Wednesday 4th July – top up using WisePay only from now on.

New WisePay logins will be emailed to you from Monday 2nd July.

All balances on Squid will be automatically transferred to WisePay on 4th July.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 1)

MON 2 JULY	Year 5 Open Morning	
	Parents' Community Group Meeting	6pm - 7.30pm
TUE 3 JULY	Year 6 Taster Day	
WED 4 - THU 5 JULY JULY	Year 12 Taster Days	
THU 5 JULY	Lower School Production	7pm

BOOK TICKETS FOR LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Forthcoming Events

MON 9 - SAT 14 JULY JULY	Year 12 Careers and Work Experience Week	
MON 9 JULY	Year 10 Oxford University Trip	
	Year 10 Royal Holloway University Trip	
THU 12 - MON 16 JULY JULY	Music Tour to Rhineland - Germany	
FRI 13 JULY	End of Term 6	3.15pm Finish

GCSE TEXTBOOKS FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE



When your child returns in September they will be beginning in the next phase of their education by studying the set GCSE texts. In order to promote ownership of their learning and revision, this year the English Department are

requesting that, over the summer break, each student purchases their own copy of the core texts they will be studying for their English Literature GCSE. Having their own copies of the texts will be beneficial to students as they will be able to write useful revision notes and annotations in their copy. It will also allow them to take the texts home to revise. In addition, students may wish to begin reading the texts over the summer break, so that they are better acquainted with the texts before studying them more thoroughly in September. In order for students to access the lessons more easily, the following edition of the text should be purchased:

- An Inspector Calls - ISBN 978-0-435232-82-5
- Macbeth - ISBN 978-0-521-60686-8

Copies of these texts can be purchased at bookstores such as WH Smith's or Waterstones, or they can be found online through websites such as Amazon. The English Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in supporting your child during their studies. If financing these textbooks is difficult for you or your family, please contact me directly at claire.may@furzeplatt.net to enquire about funding.

Miss C May, KS4 Co-ordinator

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



Tuesday 3rd July

Bronze Award (Year 9 in September 2018) – 6-7pm

Silver / Gold Awards (Years 10 and 12 in September 2018) – 7-8pm

We are delighted to let you know that as part of our enrichment opportunities for the next academic year, we are offering the Bronze Award for those who will be in Year 9, the Silver Award for Year 10 and the Gold Award for Year 12, the first time we have been able to offer the Gold Award. You are invited to find out more on Tuesday 3rd July in the Main Hall. Students will have an assembly about this on Thursday 5th July but are welcome to attend the meeting.

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH LETTER

SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH LETTER

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH LETTER

'EMIL AND THE DETECTIVES' – TICKET INFORMATION



Thursday 5th July, 7pm in the Main Hall

I am sure you are aware that the Lower School's production

of 'Emil and The Detectives' is fast approaching. I am writing to inform you of how you can purchase tickets.

The performance will take place in the Main Hall on Thursday 5th July at 7pm. You can purchase tickets via The Little Box Office at Thelittleboxoffice.com/furzeplatt which can also be accessed via the school website. Tickets are available to purchase from today.

Tickets cost £3 for adults and £2.50 for children and can be paid online, these tickets will reserve you the space but seating allocation on the evening will be first come, first served.

I would like to thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at the performances.

Miss E Satterthwaite, Associate Assistant Headteacher

BOOK TICKETS



SCHOOL NEWS



JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Well done to all our Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Junior Maths Challenge this year.



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YEAR 11 GRADUATION AND PROM

YEAR 13 PROM

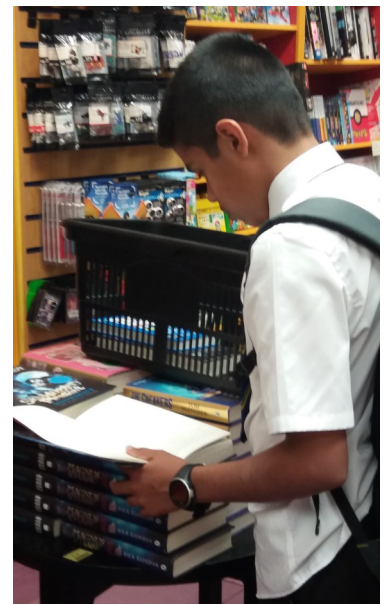
Our Year 11 and Year 13 students enjoyed their Proms this week, and our Year 11 students had their Graduation, attended by the award winning actress and Furze Platt alumna Jessica Brown-Findlay. Following a heartfelt and inspirational speech from her and with awards being given out by The Worshipful the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Councillor Paul Lion, the event was truly memorable and a fitting tribute to our Headteacher who has attended many Furze Platt Graduations over the years. We hope to see many of our Year 11 students in Sixth Form in September. For all other Year 11 students and our Year 13 students, we wish you all the very best of luck and we hope Year 13 enjoy their Prom tonight.

WAITROSE TOKENS – LIBRARY FUNDING

Thank you to all our parents and carers who voted for us at Waitrose by donating their green tokens. We were lucky enough to be allocated £300 which went to updating our



library. A group of Furze Platt students, who had written some fantastic book reviews (some of which are printed in this week's Maidenhead Advertiser), visited Waterstones bookshop and had a great time choosing books to be enjoyed by the rest of the school. A huge thank you to Mrs Flood, who arranged the visit, and to Miss Paradowska for providing transport.

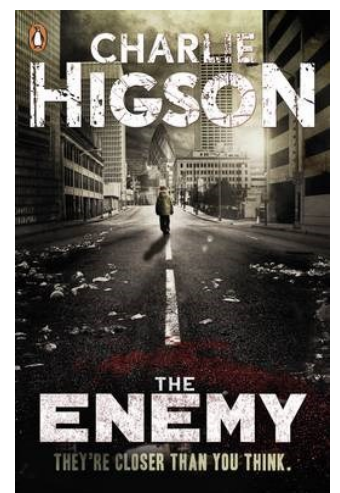


'The Enemy', by Charlie Higson - book review

This is a book about survival in a post-apocalyptic world. 'The sickness struck everyone over fourteen. First it twisted their minds. Next it ravaged their bodies. Now they roam the streets - crazed and hungry.' The book is about a disease that struck everyone over the age of fourteen, leaving the children to fend for themselves. The Enemy follows two people, Maxie - the second of the Waitrose gang, and Small Sam, who is part of the Waitrose gang, but got separated from them through capture by the grown-ups. It follows their journeys through London, who they meet, and you find out the ways other kids have taken to whilst trying to survive.

When I first read this book, it pulled me in. Now, it is one of my all-time favourites and the book I recommend to anyone when they ask for something to read. You never quite know what to expect; there are twists and turns at every moment. This book plays on your emotions, and was the first book that I ever cried whilst reading. It's one of those books that you don't want to stop reading, and the saddest moment is when you finish it and it's all over. I can always go back to this book, and it never gets boring.

My favourite part is when the children find a department store. As they are living in a world with no civilisation, food and clothing must be either made themselves, or found from places such as department stores. When the children find a department store in London, it is like a dream come true. For the first time since the sickness spread, these children get the chance



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to have something new, something they haven't been able to have the pleasure of having for a very long time. This scene in the book makes you realise just how lucky we are in this world, and how much we have that we need the world to be working in order to have. This part is my favourite because it shows how important the things that we take for granted truly are.

I would recommend for Teens, it is a very visual book with many zombie - like characters in it. However, if you feel you can stomach it - read away at whichever age you please!

Star rating: 5/5

Anna Gambrill, Year 8

(Anna's review is of *The Enemy* by Charlie Higson, 0141325019, Penguin Books Ltd, £7.99)

'The Last Chance Hotel', by Nicki Thornton - Book Review



Seth Seppi is the kitchen boy at the Last Chance Hotel, which sits deep within a forest, and is also the new host of some mysterious guests. But when there is a murder, and Seth is the main suspect, he must attempt to clear his name. To do this he must try to solve a seemingly impossible case with the help of his talking cat. Things simply could not have got more bizarre.

I could not put down "The Last Chance Hotel" when I had started. It was a thrill ride from start to finish. I loved the characters and the constant air of mystery they each added. It hung over the book on every page as you follow Seth on his journey and try to solve the murder before he does. The story sets up a whole new magical world contained inside this whodunnit. It has all the elements you could hope for with twists and turns every few pages.

My favourite part about the book was definitely the mystery. I had no idea who it was throughout and was shocked at the end. The book misleads you every time you think you've solved it and you never see what's coming next. This creates a wonderful effect and helps you to relate to Seth, as you are as hopelessly lost as he is! Having this connection makes this read all the more enjoyable.

I really enjoyed it and would highly recommend it to anyone, as it is a really exhilarating and intriguing read.

Matthew Simpson, Year 9

Matthew's review is of *The Last Chance Hotel* by Nicki Thornton, 9781911077671, Chicken House Ltd, £6.99

YEAR
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YEAR 12 CAREERS DAY



On Friday 29th June, Year 12 took part in a Careers Day. The day kicked off with a group of 5 alumni, speaking about their experience since leaving Furze Platt. They spoke about the following range of careers and our thanks must go to them. James Cawthorpe (finance); Greg Adams (media); Caroline Mastermind-Smith (Pharmacy); Tom Watts (media); Ryan Jones (finance/military). It was great to hear such a variety of experience and success from people who were, just a few years ago, sat in the same seats as our current Year 12 Students. After that, the year group took part in 4 one hour sessions.

The first was led by Mr Angier who focussed on interview techniques. The purpose of this session was to give students a taste of some of the most difficult interview questions that regularly appear at interview, model the best way to answer them and give students a go at role playing a mock interview.

The next session was called Power to Perform. It was a practical hands on cooking session that would allow students to develop some basic cooking skills. Using some basic ingredients, students were taught how to cook a variety of nutritious meals that would equip them with the nutrition to perform at their best.

We were very lucky to have two external speakers join us for the day. Firstly, Kim from Ask Apprenticeships came in to provide some expertise on the minefield of apprenticeship options with resources, giving our students a balanced view of post 18 options. Students also benefited from meeting a current higher level apprentice who was able to answer questions they had. Secondly, Jeff Lloyd very kindly came into provide a session on finance. Students got the opportunity to learn about how student finance works and also important skills such as budgeting.

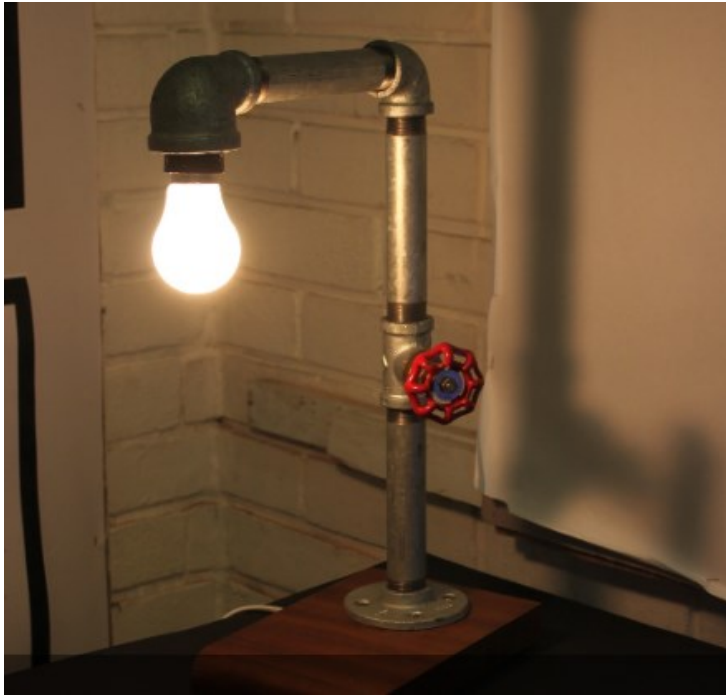


ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY 2018 PHOTO GALLERY

FEATURED ARTWORK

Lawrence Deats - Year 12

Product Design Lamp



APPRENTICE ASSISTANT SITE CONTROLLER

COVER SUPERVISOR

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT IN SHINE (ASD UNIT)



REMINDERS

YEAR
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YEAR
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YEAR
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RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION /
PSHE LESSONS FOR YEARS 7, 8 & 9

I am writing to let you know that we will soon be starting some work on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) in Year 7, 8 and 9 PSHE lessons. This work is part of our RSE programme from which starts in Year 7.

RSE lessons will inevitably cover issues of a sensitive and delicate nature and I would like to assure you that such issues will be dealt with in an appropriate and sensitive manner.

If you have any concerns about this and would like to find out more about the relationships and sex

education we plan to cover, or about the PSHE / Citizenship programme in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mrs J Bubb, Head of PSHE / Citizenship



COMMUNITY NEWS

200 CLUB



Many congratulations to our three winning 200 Club number holders who each won a substantial cash prize. Our next draw is in July.



HOW DOES THE 200 CLUB WORK?

ANNUAL PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

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

Learning Support Assistant in Shine (ASD Unit)

Required from September, Part time, 30 Hours per week, term time only

Actual Salary £12,537 - £12,820 pa depending on experience

We are looking for an enthusiastic and reliable individual to join the Shine team and provide targeted support to our students with ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder). You will:

- Work under the direction of classroom teachers and, in line with any agreed special needs and other specialist plans, provide support to individual students in the completion of a wide range of learning activities at all key stages.
- Take small groups of students for interventions and mentor nominated students.
- Help students develop their social and communication skills and gain access to the curriculum by ensuring effective use of differentiated instructions and tasks provided by teachers.

We are looking for a team player, with a willingness to acquire an understanding of the educational objectives and ethos of the school, who is able to communicate sensitively and confidently with staff, students, parents and on occasions other external agencies. This role would suit someone who is able to use their own initiative and who has strong organisational and time management skills. This role might suit someone who is working with or has worked with students in a secondary school environment and has experience or knowledge of either SEN (Special Educational Needs), ASD or both.

Cover Supervisor

Required from September, Part time, 31.25 Hours per week, term time only

Actual Salary £14,490 - £15,774 pa depending on experience

We are looking for someone to join a dedicated team of Cover Supervisors to supervise classes during the short-term absence of the assigned teacher. You will:

- Ensure that cover work is delivered to students using the tools provided, including completing the class register.
- Manage the behaviour of students whilst in the classroom within the guidelines of the school's behaviour policy.
- Monitor students to ensure they are on task, working in a safe way and completing the work to the best of their ability.

We are looking for a team player who is interested in working with young people in a classroom environment. This role might suit someone who is interested in training to become a secondary school teacher.

Apprentice Assistant Site Controller

Full time, 37 Hours per week, 12-14 months duration

Salary £250 per week

We are looking for someone to join our supportive site team and assist the Facilities Manager in ensuring that our school buildings and school site are maintained to a high standard and are secure. You will:

- Combine on-the-job training with completing a Level 2 Facilities Management Intermediate Apprenticeship.
- Undertake a range of activities such as minor maintenance and repairs, cleaning, setting out areas of the school for school functions and contributing ideas to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of premises and facilities.
- Have the opportunity to develop skills such as practical skills, communication skills and organisational and time-management skills.

We are looking for a team player who is willing to learn on-the-job whilst working in a careful, methodical and safe way. You need to be physically fit, able to behave responsibly in a school environment and demonstrate a willingness to complete tasks in a timely manner and to the best of your ability.

For further information about this role and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com. Application forms should be returned to kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Closing date: Thursday 5th July 2018 at 9am
Interviews will take place: week commencing Monday 9th July

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**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL



Open Evening
Thursday 4th Oct 2018
All Welcome

School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2018
All Welcome*

01628 625308

office@furzeplatt.com

www.furzeplatt.com

*Places on these events must be booked in advance.

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If you have any news items you wish to feature in our newsletter please email: media@furzeplatt.net

Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ A broad, stimulating and rewarding education for girls and boys
- ▶ Outstanding academic, sporting and 'the arts' facilities
- ▶ Supportive transition activities for all our Year 7 students
- ▶ A wealth of extra-curricular interests, trips and visits

'An increased number of pupils achieved top grades at key stage 4 [and] made very strong progress in both academic and vocational subjects. The most able make similar or greater progress than other pupils nationally.'

- Ofsted



How to find us:



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- Ofsted 2016