

# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #55.9



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### YEAR 11 GRADUATION

The ceremony will be held in the Sports Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Students must be in full school uniform including tie and smart shoes and need to be at school for 3.30pm. Parents are invited at 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

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 3<sup>rd</sup> July in the Main Hall. Students will have an assembly about this on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July but are welcome to attend the meeting.

Bronze Award (Year 9) – 6-7pm

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

### 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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ALL EVENTS
- SPORTS CALENDAR
- SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

### Next Week (Week 2)

MON 25 JUNE	Public Exams	Until 28 <sup>th</sup> June
	Year 12 Pre-Public Exams	
TUE 26 JUNE	Year 10 Reading University Trip	
	Year 10 Sussex University Trip	
	End of Year Art Show	4.30pm - 7pm
WED 27 JUNE	Year 11 Graduation Ceremony	4pm - 5.30pm
THU 28 JUNE	Year 11 Prom (formal wear)	7pm - 10.30pm
FRI 29 JUNE	Year 12 Careers Day	

### Forthcoming Events

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

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



FEATURED ARTWORK

Sabrina Lee - Year 7

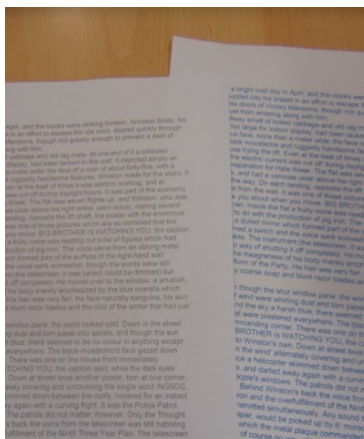
Art & Design: Exquisite Animals Project



YEAR 12 PSYCHOLOGY EXPERIMENTS

This week our Year 12 Psychology students had a chance to put their knowledge into practice and conduct an experiment of their choice. Some ambitious projects involved replicating Moscovici's study into conformity based on colour recognition, and checking the effect of sugary drinks, such as Coke, on human performance. Interesting conclusions were drawn, for example, twins Sophia and Eleanor Smith were comparing the effectiveness of using black or coloured print text in memorizing. They proved that in fact students memorised more when the text was printed in black. This questions the effectiveness of using coloured pens or highlighters, which would make an interesting further investigation. We hope to see more independent research done in the future.

Pictured: Alex Barrett (Moscovici replication using colours); Sophia and Eleanor Smith calculating the scores; coke bottle from Ben Seddon's experiment and the sample of black/blue texts investigated by the twins.



COMMUNITY NEWS



CURRENT VACANCIES AT FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

APPRENTICE ASSISTANT SITE CONTROLLER

COVER SUPERVISOR

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT IN SHINE (ASD UNIT)



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

## ART SCOUT SENIOR COURSE

The course suits students with a love of Art, and will also help if they are currently doing their Art GCSE or just want to add to their existing art portfolio.

**Dates:** August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** £60 per day including materials

**Venue:** St Peter's Church, Maidenhead SL67QU

**Times:** 9.30am - 3.30 pm

**Mediums and subjects covered:** Please click the link below to see what the students will be covering each day.

[MORE COURSE DETAILS](#)

[CLICK HERE TO ENROL](#)



## YOUNG FIREFIGHTERS, MAIDENHEAD FIRE STATION

My role at the school is to develop curriculum opportunities which are in addition to our usual academic and extra curricular programme. Much of my work involves small groups of students exploring social, personal and emotional issues, but I also look for fun activities which give students opportunities to experience something new, unusual or socially worthwhile both in, and outside of the school environment.

I am writing to inform you about the Young Firefighters scheme, based at Maidenhead's fire station. The scheme is for young people aged 11- 17 and it offers them a chance to work in a team and develop life skills through taking part in fire and rescue service based training activities. These activities are supervised by qualified fire fighters and non-operational fire and rescue staff. The fire fighters scheme will give them the opportunity to work towards a nationally recognised qualification which will reflect their achievements on the scheme.

Young Firefighters meet every Thursday night, during term time, between 7 - 9pm, starting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Your child will be required to contribute £2 per week, which will go towards refreshments, Christmas parties and trips.

There are limited spaces on these schemes therefore, you are required to complete an application form in order for the fire service to determine whether your child is suitable. Once this form has been submitted, the application will be considered and you will be informed directly whether your child has a place on the programme.

Please find below the form that needs to be completed as part of your child's application to the Young Firefighters

scheme, as well as an information leaflet.

I would be grateful if you could ensure that these forms are completed and returned to school as soon as possible, to enable the process to begin.

Miss D. Carty, Alternative Curriculum Manager

[INFORMATION LEAFLET](#)

[APPLICATION FORM \(WORD VERSION\)](#)

[APPLICATION FORM \(PDF VERSION\)](#)



## REMINDERS

### FRANCE/BELGIUM TRIP - INFORMATION EVENING

6pm, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

The information evening for the France/Belgium Battlefields Trip (18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> July) will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 in the Learning Resource Centre at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to hear more information about the itinerary, as well as to collect important documents that need to be signed prior to the trip. Please can you ensure that you bring the following with you: - A completed and signed OA4 medical form - Your child's passport and EHIC medical card (which will be collected in and left in the school safe until the trip) - A completed dietary/medicines form (this is so that we are aware of prescription and over the-counter needs.) If you have any questions please email Mr A Colmer, Head of History – [andrew.colmer@furzeplatt.net](mailto:andrew.colmer@furzeplatt.net)

[OA4 MEDICAL CONSENT](#)

[MEDICINE FORM](#)

### WISEPAY

We are pleased to announce our new parents' communications and payments system - Wisepay. This will have the advantage of parents having access to communications, catering and online payments all in one place. It will launch towards the end of the term so keep an eye out for details of your new login.

YEAR 9 YEAR 10

### UPPER SCHOOL TIES

Students moving into Year 9 and Year 10 in September are entitled to purchase an upper school tie. These can be purchased from Reception for £8. We are happy to accept old lower school ties for school use if you wish to donate them.



### ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY SHOW

We would like to invite you to our Art, Design and Technology Show on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 4.30pm - 7pm in the Art department. We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Open Morning**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018**  
**For Year 5 Parents\***



**Open Evening**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018**  
**All Welcome**



**School Tours Available**  
**Sept and Oct 2018**  
**All Welcome\***

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\*Places on these events must be booked in advance.

### 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:



Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7NQ



'Pupils achieve highly at this school'  
- Ofsted 2016

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**ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW**  
**Furze Platt Senior School**  
**Tuesday 26th June 2018**  
**4.30pm - 7.00pm**



The show is running for just one evening and promises to be a celebration of the students' work from A level Photography, A Level Product Design, A Level Art, GCSE Resistant Materials, GCSE Graphic Products and GCSE Art and Design, showcasing their knowledge and experiences over the past year. This is an opportunity to get an exciting insight into the creative thinking of a new generation and a chance to meet our remarkable students. We look forward to seeing you in the Art Department.



## 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](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net](mailto:kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net). Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.**

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