

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #56.12



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

TONIGHT, 6PM-8PM

Careers & Higher Education Fair

Thursday 29th November 6pm – 8pm

FOR PROGRAMME PLEASE CLICK HERE

INSET DAY REMINDER

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Please note: school will be closed to students all day.

PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS / CARERS

Please can parents and carers be courteous when picking up and dropping off at the front of school. We recognise that this area can get congested at the start and end of the day. However, often cars back up onto the road stopping the traffic flow. This annoys fellow drivers and also causes congestion and potential health and safety dangers for students walking to and from school.

Longer term and as part of our site improvement work the council will be improving the layout at the front of the school but in the meantime we thank you for your support.



ALL EVENTS SPORTS CALENDAR SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Tonight and tomorrow

THU 29 NOVEMBER	Careers and Higher Education Fair	6pm - 8pm
THU 29 NOVEMBER	Year 10 - Theatre Trip - Blood Brothers	4.30pm - 11.30pm
FRI 30 NOVEMBER	INSET DAY	All Day
	Years 7, 8 and 9 trip to English Netball - London	12.30pm

Next Week (Week 1)

MON 3	Year 12 Politics and History trip -	8.45am -
DECEMBER	London	6pm
THU 6	Year 12 Parents' and Students'	4.30pm -
December	Consultation Evening	6.30pm

Forthcoming Events

WED 19 DECEMBER	Last day of term	
THU 3 January	Beginning of term for 2019	
SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20		

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING



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THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 6PM - 9PM

You are invited to the Sixth Form Open Evening being held on Thursday 10th January 2019 from 6pm - 9pm. The primary purpose of this meeting 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 should provide students with the information they need to make informed choices when selecting their courses. The new prospectuses will be available on this evening and the online application process will also go live from this date.

Closing date for applications is Friday 15th February 2019.

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PSYCHOLOGY TRIP TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Twenty six of our Psychology students had a chance to join hundreds of other Sixth Formers from around the UK for

Psychology in Action workshops held at the University of Warwick. We started the day with a series of lectures on clinical and cognitive psychology, where students learnt about how different parts of the brain control different aspects of your personality and behaviour. They also had a chance to meet James Piercy, a patient who experienced brain damage due to an unfortunate car accident. Midway through the day, a lecturer from Oxford shared with the students her tips on improving memory skills necessary for boosting exam grades. (These will be shared with those with students who did not go on the trip.) Warren Mansell, from the University of Manchester, showed our students alternative methods of managing phobia of spiders, which will become very useful once we start the unit on psychopathology, where we discuss phobia in detail. A science journalist and author, Caroline Williams, caught everyone's attention with her experience of re-wiring her own brain. She also showed us some modern devices used to monitor brain waves, which we hope to purchase for our department. The day ended with a fascinating hypnotic session led by Martin S Taylor, who is a qualified hypnotherapist. He amazed us by managing to hypnotise 30 people at a time, including one of our students. We hope to repeat the trip next year with a new cohort of psychology students. And here is a comment made by a current student, Isabel W, Year 12: 'I personally thought James' speech about how the brain works and it's different lobes was the most interesting speech. This is because he had personally experienced damage to his frontal lobe. This made him a far more engaging speaker because you heard about brain damage from someone who had been through

the symptoms and impacts they were discussing.' We were very proud of our students – they showed impeccable manners and thirst for knowledge. A huge thank you to Mr Marris and Miss Paradowska for organising this fascinating trip.



ESAA XC FINALS 24TH NOVEMBER

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Our Furze Platt team performed well against very strong opposition at Woodbridge School, Suffolk, finishing 28th (out of 500 teams who entered the competition). Congratulations to them all for their team spirit and for being the 1st FPSS team to reach the National Schools



Athletics Final! The team: Frank McGrath, Edwin Isted, Euan Russell, Alex Bate, Iwan Hughes, Nick Holdsworth. SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE:



RESULTS

On 6th November, many of our Year 12 and 13 students took part in the Senior Maths challenge. We are delighted to announce that the following students achieved high enough scores to qualify for Bronze or Silver certificates. Well done to them all.

Year 13		0.1
Alex	Bohdjalian	Silver
Joanna	Gould	Silver
Charlotte	Gould	Bronze
Luc	O'Kelly	Bronze
Prem	Bhogal	Bronze
Richard	Mulvany	Bronze
Jessica	Matthews	Bronze
Matthew	Ashworth	Bronze
Kayla	Khairunnisa	Bronze
George	Kirtland Knott	Bronze
Hassan	Mahmood	Bronze
Year 12		
Daniel	Juden	Silver
Ollie	Stares	Silver
Thomas	Marland	Silver
Liv	Howley	Silver
Ben	Smith	Silver
Nathan	Smith	Silver
John	Baker	Silver
Alex	Webb	Silver
Pawel	Kowalski	Bronze
Daniel	Impey	Bronze
Jake	Streatfield	Bronze
Matthew	Gagnon	Bronze
Sam	Harris	Bronze
Siraaj	Khan	Bronze
Lucy	Thornton	Bronze
lfe	Ogidan	Bronze



YEAR 7 HOME LEARNING



This week, some of our Year 7 students' home learning task was to design a cake to show what it means to be British. Some students went that extra mile and actually made a cake or cupcakes - keep it up Year 7 and special mention to Lennon Moore, Francesca Babb and Harvey Wood for their delicious creations.

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Miss K Gajewska, Teacher of Geography

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS -



The **deadline** for the 3 month section is **Friday 7**th **December**.

You should have received details of the relevant Assessor Report packs, which contains useful information needed for the reports. Please could you have a look at this information with your child, and support them with this.

Please be aware the name of the assessor that was uploaded onto EDofE needs to match the name of the person writing the report. We must have contact details for the assessor in order for the section to be approved.

Once the assessor reports have been uploaded to your child's account and approved, a sectional certificate will be given to them, signally completion of the section. These will be placed in tutor trays.

These packs will be uploaded onto our website by the end of the week.

.Please can you ensure any outstanding balances are paid in full via your son / daughter's WisePay account. Thank you.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH INFORMATION

VACANCIES

We have the following opportunities starting as soon as possible:

PASTORAL MANAGERS

£19,160 – £21,690 pa (actual salary), depending on experience. Full time, 37 hours per week, term time only, two roles available

SIXTH FORM ADMINISTRATOR

£15,440 – £16,810 pa (actual salary), depending on experience. Part time, 32.5 hours per week, term time only plus five days

CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BODY

£12 – £15 per hour, depending on experience. Approximately 20 hours per month, must be available for evening meetings (approximately 40 hours over an academic year)

For further information about these exciting opportunities and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website <u>www.furzeplatt.com.</u> Application forms should be returned to Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net.

Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered. Closing date is 9am, Monday 10th December 2018 and interviews will take place w/c 10th December.

YEAR 11 CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Another lovely visit to St Marks Care Home for our Year 11 Child Development group. This week they have been helping the residents make Christmas decorations for their tree.



PTFA 200 CLUB WINNING NUMBERS



200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 5

on Friday 23rd November 2018

Many congratulations to our three lucky winners of £200 cash each, drawn at our PTFA Quiz Night last Thursday.



To be in with a chance of winning at our next draw, numbers can be purchased below:

MONTHLY PAYMENTS (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

REMINDERS





On Thursday 6th December there will be a consultation evening for Year 12 parents.

Please follow the Parents' Evening Bookings link
under News and Events on the school website, or
click on the link below:We advise you to book as soon as possible.

Unfortunately it will not be possible to book appointments with Miss Christie for ICT, therefore please contact Mrs Bristow, Sixth Form Administrator, on kim.bristow@furzeplatt.net who will arrange for you to receive a progress report if you wish to receive an update.

If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01628 625308.

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Careers & Higher Education Fair



Thursday 29th November 2018 6pm – 8pm

Our sixth Careers and Higher Education Fair will be held across the school with representatives from a number of universities, employers and apprenticeships showing how our students can access various career and higher education paths.

This event is designed to bring students from Years 9-13, and their parents, together with a wide range of employers and universities. This will enable students to consider which jobs and university courses they are most interested in, and to work out which qualifications and skills they will need to develop. Of course, students' ideas constantly change and evolve; the purpose of this Fair is to give students new opportunities to test out their latest thoughts by hearing from industry and university experts.

Our Careers and Higher Education Fair offers presentations and workshops, information on gap years, overseas development, apprenticeships, careers advice and visits from a number of prestigious universities and employers. We have representatives from a wide range of employers including architects, bankers, building services, computing, construction, Emergency and Armed Forces, engineering, estate agents, fashion, healthcare, journalism, law, retail, science, social care and teaching.

We welcome a range of keynote speakers this year on the following topics:

Why go to university? - Portsmouth University. The benefits of Higher Education; Life as a student. Apprenticeships - ASK Apprenticeships. Find out how apprenticeships have changed. They are now available at four different levels, up to degree level, and in 1500 job roles.

Careers in Computing - British Computing Society. Hear about the sort of jobs likely to be available in Computing/IT in the near future.

The NHS - make a difference, be compassionate- community and mental health services - Berkshire NHS Trust. Find out about the variety of careers, both medical and non-medical, available in the NHS

Talks last for 15-20 minutes and are repeated over the evening for maximum attendance.

Presentations, talks and workshops will be held in the Main Hall, Gym and Library, with the talks in H1-4. PTFA refreshments will be available from the Café.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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