



## A - LEVEL RESULTS

A Level results 2018: A\* - A – 33% [RECORD RESULT].  
A 1% rise on the previous record, set last year, and a 9% rise from 2016.

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A Level results 2018: 100% pass rate in Further Maths, English Literature, History, ICT, German, French, Music, Drama, Business BTEC and Sports Studies.

### SUMMER EXAMINATION RESULTS

A huge congratulations to all Furze Platt students who sat exams this summer. I hope you are proud of your results, which truly showed your commitment to learning, and were achieved through many hours of studying. Our A Level students gained a record number of A\* and A grades in a number of subjects with new tougher specifications. Twenty two subjects had a phenomenal 100% pass rate and achieved well above the national average. Some of our students are entering the world of work, others are studying apprenticeships or have taken this opportunity to travel, and many have gone on to further education (including Oxbridge).



### UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

#### Next Week (Week 1)

<b>TUE 18</b> SEPTEMBER	PTFA Meeting (Meeting Room)	6pm
<b>THU 20</b> SEPTEMBER	Celebration Evening	7pm - 9pm

#### Forthcoming Events

<b>THU 27</b> SEPTEMBER	Year 11 Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
	Year 10 Preparing to Succeed Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm
<b>THU 4</b> OCTOBER	Whole School Open Evening	6pm - 9pm
<b>FRI 5</b> OCTOBER	INSET DAY	All Day
	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Training Day (Silver)	
	Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Training Day (Gold)	

### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19

Our GCSE students also had much to be proud of. We had many grade 9 results, which is above a previous A\* and again, this was across a broad spectrum of subjects studied. It has been lovely to see so many of them return to our Sixth Form with confidence and looking highly professional. They are a credit to the school with their maturity and independence.



parents to check what home learning has been set, and ensure that it has been completed appropriately. If other parents do not have their logins then they should contact the school office.

Mr Towill

**YEAR 7 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLE 2018 - 2019**

**YEAR 8 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLE 2018 - 2019**

Well done to them all, to their teachers who supported them so ably, and to you, their parents and carers, whose encouragement gave your sons and daughters the chance to do so well.

Dr A Morrison, Headteacher

**YEARS 7, 12 AND 13  
'PREPARING TO SUCCEED'  
EVENINGS**



Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent informative presentations for Years 7, 12 and 13. For parents of our Year 7 students, please see the tab on our website 'New Parents' for a wealth of information.

**YEAR 7 PREPARING TO SUCCEED PRESENTATION**

**YEAR 12 PREPARING TO SUCCEED PRESENTATION**

**YEAR 13 PREPARE TO SUCCEED PRESENTATION**

**HOME LEARNING AT FURZE PLATT**



Home learning timetables for Years 7 and 8 are now available on the Furze Platt website – Catherine – please provide link and students will be given paper copies next week. Home learning for Years 7 and 8 should take half an hour per piece.

Years 9-11 do not have home learning timetables but will be issued two pieces of home learning for English and Maths and one piece for other subjects per week. Home learning for these year groups should take an hour per piece.

All home learning is set on Show My Homework. Logins for Year 7 parents were issued at yesterday's information evening; those parents who were unable to make this event will get their logins via their sons and daughters. The Show My Homework website and app are excellent ways for

**LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT**

FRENCH

Benjamin Broadbent Year 8

Sadie Huddleston Year 7

Idris Riaz Year 9

**LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT**

GERMAN

Sadie Huddleston Year 7

Jessica Bristow Year 8

Lara Torok Year 9

SPANISH

Abdul Muneer Year 9

Charlie Shervell Year 8

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

In Child Development, we try to expose students to as much practical work as possible. One of the starter activities they get at the beginning of the course is to look after a baby egg. Students always surprise us with how considerate they are when looking after their eggs. This year's baby eggs were not only given names and drawn faces, but also had fluffy beds made to sleep in safely. Here are few pictures to

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illustrate how students can have fun and learn at the same time. Closer to the end of Year 9, all Child Development students will be given a chance to look after an electronic baby doll for the weekend. Watch this space.



### EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Every term, students are invited to attend clubs that are of interest to them and we encourage attendance. Please see the attached link which will show you all those on offer this term:

For students in Year 9, 10 and 12, we also offer the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

[PE CLUB TIMETABLE](#)



Please support us with your Green Redeem points. The more points we receive by the end of this six month term, the more funding we will receive.

Thank you.

[GREEN REDEEM POINTS](#)

### ALUMNI

Congratulations to Abbie Bird, who graduated from Furze Platt last year to continue her studies in the USA. Abbie, who is on a full scholarship for rowing, attends the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, which is ranked 6th in the USA for rowing. Currently in her second year, she will be choosing her major this year.

We wish her the best of luck.



Our PTFA is very successful, raising thousands of pounds to purchase equipment and resources to further improve the school. Additionally, the PTFA brings staff and parents together socially in working towards a common goal. This fosters greater links between home and school. And it's great fun! We always need more helpers, though, to help lighten the load.

All parents are automatically members of the PTFA. The association makes a huge contribution to the success of the school, supporting students in so many ways.

We invite all our parents to join the 200 Club. Numbers are drawn 4 x per year (once per quarter) and if all 200 numbers are in play, three lucky winners could win up to £400 per draw.

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

Please click here for more details or below to purchase your numbers:

[ANNUAL PAYMENT \(£57 PER YEAR\)](#)

[MONTHLY PAYMENT \(£5 PER MONTH\)](#)

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

## Cover Supervisor

Full time, 31.25 Hours per week, term time only

Actual Salary £14,450 - £15,760 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.

## Learning Support Assistants – Two required

Full time, 30 Hours per week, term time only

Salary £12,500 - £12,800 pa depending on experience

We are looking for an enthusiastic and reliable individual to join the Learning Support team and provide targeted support to our students either within one Department or across a range of Departments. 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. Previous experience working with children and/or young people would be an advantage.

## Learning Support Assistant/Sports Mentor

Full time, 35 Hours per week, term time only

Salary £14,450 - £15,750 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) as well as spend some time supporting those students during sports events and assisting the PE Department with organising sports fixtures for all of our students. 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, as well as supporting them during after school sports fixtures.
- Plan for, attend and coach sports clubs during and after school and liaise with other schools to organise sports fixtures.

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.

**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: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Interviews will take place: week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October

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**FURZE  
PLATT**  
SENIOR SCHOOL



**Open Evening**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:



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



'Pupils achieve  
highly at this  
school'  
- Ofsted 2016

# Maidenhead's Secondary Schools OPEN EVENINGS

## Dear Parents...

The teachers and governors of the secondary schools in Maidenhead believe that parents should be given every opportunity to indicate an informed preference for secondary education. Our schools are working together to assist you in coming to the most appropriate preference.

The following secondary schools in Maidenhead all approach excellence in education in their own particular way. You will be a welcome guest at the Open Evenings which will be organised by each of us individually. Our aim is to do everything possible to provide you with relevant information about our schools.

*Yours sincerely*

Mr N Dimbleby, Headteacher, Altwood Church of England School.  
Ms F Walsh, Headteacher, Cox Green School.  
Mr P Frazer, Principal, Desborough College.  
Dr A Morrison, Headteacher, Furze Platt Senior School.  
Dr L V Ceska, Headteacher, Newlands Girls' School.



## For children seeking school admission in September 2019

### Altwood C of E School



**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>  
September 2018  
6.30pm – 9pm**

The Headteacher, staff, students and Governors warmly invite you to our Open Evening.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come and meet our strong and committed team of staff and see our talented students at work.

The Headteacher will give an address at 7.30pm. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet with the Headteacher, staff, students and Governors. You will also see the School's excellent resources and facilities and find out how students are enabled to aspire and achieve.

Should you wish to see the School during a normal working day, we would encourage you to attend one of our Open Mornings on either 2nd, 4th or 16th October starting at 9.45am through to 11.00am. Alternatively if any of these dates are not convenient, please contact the Headteacher's PA for a tour of the School to be arranged.

Our mission is:

- to be a high achieving academic community
- to identify and develop the full potential of every member of our community and give them the skills and qualifications they need to achieve their ambition
- to do this within the context of the culture and values of the Christian faith, emphasising the strong moral and spiritual values shared with other faiths

We look forward to welcoming you to Altwood and offer you the chance to hear from our current Year 7 students about their experiences of our transition programme and excellent induction for life in a secondary school. The students will explain what makes Altwood exciting and unique.

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*'Aspire and Achieve'*

Headteacher: Mr N Dimbleby,  
B.Ed (Hons) NPQH

### Cox Green School



**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
September 2018  
5pm – 8pm**

The Headteacher, staff and Governors are delighted to invite you to Cox Green's Open Evening.

We are very proud of our school: we are fiercely committed to providing an education of the highest quality to all of our students and value our strong sense of community.

Our staff are dedicated to delivering highly inspirational and strong curricula across the board, providing positive and exciting learning experiences within a secure and happy environment.

Our students receive the support and encouragement they need to become successful, confident and mature young people.

We seek to build active partnerships with our parents, based on shared goals and supported by clear and regular communication.

The Open Evening will provide you with an opportunity to meet our highly dedicated staff and our fantastic students. You will be able to view the high standard of work that leads to our excellent examination results, and see the result of the £4.7m investment into the school, including our amazing new teaching spaces and dining facility.

The Headteacher will make her address at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm and she would be delighted to talk to any parents/carers afterwards.

Should you wish to see our School during a working day, you are very welcome.

Open Mornings will be held on Monday 1st October, Thursday 11th October and Wednesday 17th October between 9.15am and 10.15am. Please contact the school for more details on enquiries@coxgreen.com.

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*'Committed to Achievement'*

Headteacher: Ms F Walsh  
MA

### Desborough College



**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
October 2018  
6pm – 9pm**

The Principal, staff and trustees warmly invite you to learn more about The Desborough Way at our Open Evening on 2 October. The school will be open to parents and boys for tours from 6pm onwards. The Principal will give an address in the main hall at 6.30pm and 7.30pm, and he, together with our staff and partners from Radley College will be available to talk to parents during the evening.

Visitors will be invited to visit our classrooms, newly built performing arts centre, STEM room and enviable sports facilities, where our students will be working with their teachers. Your son will have the opportunity to join in with the projects and experiments taking place and experience a sample of life at Desborough and you, as a parent, will come to appreciate the benefits of single-sex education and understand how Desborough has transformed itself over recent years and achieved spectacular improvements in examination results and a 'Good' Ofsted judgement in September 2014.

We particularly invite you all to visit our exciting and innovative Year 7 Base – a specially designed building with its own suite of classrooms and playground. This is a unique facility that removes all of the anxieties that boys (and parents) feel when moving to the secondary phase of their education and at the same time accelerating their academic progress.

If you would like to arrange a further, more personalised tour of the School during the working day, please telephone the School to arrange a visit.

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[www.desborough.org.uk](http://www.desborough.org.uk)

*'Enjoy, Compete, Achieve'*

Principal: Mr P Frazer,  
BA (Hons)

### Furze Platt Senior School



**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>  
October 2018  
6pm – 9pm**

The Headteacher, staff and governors warmly invite you to our Open Evening.

We are rightly proud of the excellent education we offer at Furze Platt. Students thrive due to the strong teaching and high quality support for personal development we provide. Standards are very high at the school and students make outstanding progress. Our curriculum combines a strong academic core with strength and breadth in the arts, computing and technology.

Our confident and enthusiastic students will escort visitors on a guided tour of the school to see the exceptionally high standard of work achieved by our students and our outstanding resources. These include our new Leisure Centre and our state-of-the-art facilities for mathematics, drama, dance and music. Our highly qualified staff will be available to greet visitors and explain how we achieve our excellent results. Yet again, we are celebrating record breaking exam results in 2017. We are very proud of our happy and caring learning community.

The Headteacher will give an address at 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the main hall.

We also welcome parents to visit our school during the working day in order to see great learning in action. Tours will take place in September. Please telephone the school to arrange a visit.

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*'Learning Together'*

Headteacher: Dr A Morrison,  
BA (Hons), MA, PhD

### Newlands Girls' School



**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
October 2018  
5pm – 8pm**

The Headteacher, staff, girls and Governors warmly invite you to our highly successful school.

Our happy and confident Sixth Formers will take you on a guided tour, where you can experience first-hand all that we have to offer here at Newlands.

You will see our facilities and our classrooms, where resources and girls' work will be on display. During the course of the evening, pupils will be taking part in music and drama rehearsals and sports activities, enabling you to see their enthusiasm and engagement. Our dedicated, highly qualified and expert teachers will be on hand to talk to you about how they help all our girls to achieve their full potential.

Do not miss out on the presentation from the Headteacher and Head Girls at 5.15pm or 6.15pm in the School Hall.

We are designated as a high-performing school and we achieve outstanding academic results within a caring and supportive environment. There are also extensive opportunities for all-round development such as competitive sports, pupil leadership, school trips, public speaking, Latin Club and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Our girls also enjoy individual voice and instrumental tuition and are able to participate in a wide range of musical and drama groups.

Parents who are unable to attend the Open Evening or who wish to have a personal tour and informal meeting with the Headteacher should telephone the School Office on 01628 625068.

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*'Vincit Veritas'*

Headteacher: Dr L V Ceska

# COOKHAM & MAIDENHEAD ARTS TRAIL

FREE  
ENTRY  
10am - 6pm



Visit local artists in their studios: refreshments, demos and a range of original work for sale

**Sat 15th - Sun 16th September**  
**10am - 6pm**

Brochures with trail map available at Norden Farm, Bovilles Maidenhead, Libraries and The Stationery Depot, Cookham

**more info at: [www.camat.org.uk](http://www.camat.org.uk)**

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# Preparing for Adulthood

Find out about  
Employment  
Independent living  
Friends,  
relationships and  
community  
Health

Are you aged between 14 and 25 years old  
with an education, health and care plan?

If so, we have exciting events with different  
services to help you as you become an adult.

Prize draw on the day.



## Thursday 27 September

Drop in between 1 and 7pm,  
Youth Centre, 4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead

## Saturday 13 October

Drop in between 10am and 1pm  
Oakbridge Community Centre, Windsor

**Contact:**

PfA Team - Children and Young People Disability Service

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