

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #57.2



THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who has encouraged their children to walk, cycle or be dropped off away from the main gates at pick up or drop off times. However, the traffic situation outside school at pick up and drop off times is still very busy.

We strongly encourage students to walk (those coming from the Oaken Grove side can use the new path across the field, funded by our PTFA) or cycle to and from school. We have ample cycle parking on site.

Parents are reminded that they are not to block the main highway at any time.

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL VICTORY 7-0 WIN AGAINST HOLYPORT COLLEGE



Fantastic result by our Year 7 Boys' Football team, which beat Holyport College 7-0 last night. The whole team worked so hard to achieve this memorable result; special mention to L Moore, L Maddox, L Mormech and R Ovens who were all incredible.

YEAR 7 NETBALL SPORTING SUCCESS



Well done also to our Year 7 Girls' Netball team for their very strong performance this week, winning 4 games and drawing 2.

YEAR 11 PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY



Year 11 photos will take place on Wednesday 30th January during Period 6. These will include Year 11 grandstand, portrait and friendship groups.

ALL YEAR GROUPS



GCE AND GCSE SUMMER EXAM TIMETABLES

Our GCSE and GCE summer exam timetables have been uploaded to our website. For details, please click below:

[EXAMS WEBPAGE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

Next Week (WEEK 1)

THU 17 JANUARY	Year 8 Band 'F' Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
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Forthcoming Events

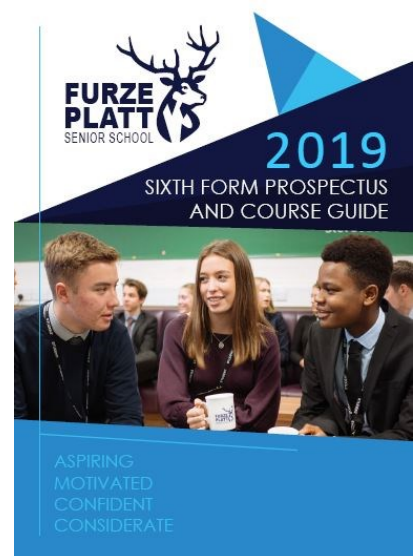
THU 24 JANUARY	Year 8 Band 'P' Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 25 JANUARY	Year 13 French Visit to the British Film Institute	8.30am - 6pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20

SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

Thank you to everyone who attended our very popular Sixth Form Open Evening last night. We had a record attendance and look forward to meeting many more of you in September.

For full details on how to apply to Furze Platt's Sixth Form please click here:



[SIXTH FORM WEBPAGE](#)

[PROSPECTUS AND COURSE GUIDE 2019](#)

[OUR SIXTH FORM COURSES 2019](#)

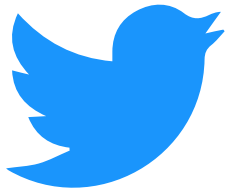
[CURRENT STUDENT APPLICATIONS: APPLY HERE](#)

[GUEST STUDENT APPLICATIONS: APPLY HERE](#)

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Our Twitter account will be giving a daily insight into classroom and school life this month. To follow us please visit Twitter @Furze_Platt.



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FROM THIS WEEK'S TWITTER FEED:

MONDAY

Year 13 learning about how rising temperatures impact the water cycle. Find out more at 6th Form Open Evening this Thursday.



TUESDAY

Guess Who? Year 7 describing faces in French. Devine qui c'est?



WEDNESDAY

Great to see our sixth form offering each other personal training this afternoon.



THURSDAY

Why are the two sides of the heart different? Year 7 learning through dissection.



FRIDAY

Good luck to Flynn (Year 10) as he competes in the Springboard FutureChef competition today.



EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT EVENTS AT FURZE PLATT



JANUARY – MARCH 2019

The school will be running three major employer engagement events over the next three months. These events are designed to give students an opportunity to meet and work with employers and those in the world of work, to develop their own skills, and to start thinking about their own futures.

The events are:

Learning to Work Careers Workshops

Friday 18th and Monday 21st January

All of Year 11 and Year 12 will attend these workshops, as will those students in Year 13 not planning to go to university. Each group of students will be off-timetable for two hours. The workshops are being run by a not-for-profit organisation called Learning to Work.

The focus of these workshops will be to explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) based careers and the different pathways to secure them. Through a series of interactive impactful activities, students will also have the opportunity to explore their financial personality and their attitude to risk, as well as understanding financial terminology in preparation for life after school and the workplace. This culminates in a question and answer panel whereby students interrogate business volunteers who will be mentoring the students during the workshop.

World of Opportunity Bridge-Building Challenge

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th February

This event is for the whole of Year 10 and is being run by Jacobs plc. they are a global provider of technical, professional, and scientific services, including engineering, architecture, construction, operations and maintenance. Each group of students will be off-timetable for two hours.

Students will take part in a project which simulates the building of a brand new footbridge to be constructed over the M4. The students will develop and utilize life skills such as project management, team working, communications and presentation skills in the design, construction and pitching of the build to a panel of experts. Pupils must factor in parameters such as budget, environmental impact, accessibility and the needs of the local and national community.

Teams will physically construct their bridge and justify the design and proposed location to a panel of experts. Our panel will be looking for innovative design and careful

consideration of the environmental impact as well as the impact on local residents. The winning team will take their bridge design on to the regional final.

Heathrow Lego Mindstorm Coding Challenge

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March

This event is for the whole of Year 8, and is led by Heathrow Airport. Now in its tenth year, the challenge is an exciting activity that supports the skill of programming, an increasingly important area of the curriculum that will underpin careers of the future.

The challenge is a workshop for Year 8 students delivered in schools in boroughs of Ealing, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Slough, South Bucks, Spelthorne and Windsor & Maidenhead. The programme is provided by Heathrow and the sessions are run by a team of two people from Learning to Work, a not-for-profit organisation working for the benefit of local young people, schools, colleges and businesses to deliver educational activities in schools. The programme is designed to:

- Encourage Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths study and careers.
- Introduce students to the Heathrow Apprenticeship scheme, and understand the skills and knowledge required to work at the airport.
- Develop skills for the world of work including: communications, team working and confidence building.

YEAR 9 TRAVEL AND TOURISM



ORIENTEERING

Some of our intrepid Year 9 Travel & Tourism group went out this morning on their first orienteering session of 2019.



BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



USEFUL LINKS

Expedition season is starting in a few weeks. With this in mind, please see below some links that may be of interest. If you want to take advantage of the sales to purchase equipment, please see the kit list from BXM on our website along with kit list information and much more:

[DUKE OF EDINBURGH WEBPAGE](#)

Don't forget to use your discount card!

Please can I remind you to support your child with submitting their assessor reports. The deadline for the six month section is on Friday 8th February.

We are keen to ensure that all assessor reports are submitted before the expedition training day on Friday 1st March; your support with this will be appreciated.

Information about the training your son/daughter will receive on 1st March:

[INFORMATION & TRAINING](#)

[FOOD FOR THE EXPEDITION](#)

[KIT FOR THE EXPEDITION](#)



DUKE OF EDINBURGH STUDENTS

YEAR 9



VOLUNTEERING AT COURTHOUSE AND FURZE PLATT JUNIOR SCHOOLS

Our Year 9 Child Development students have started a new section of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, Volunteering. Every Thursday last lesson until the end of year the students will be volunteering in one of the local junior schools, Courthouse or Furze Platt Juniors. For some students this meant going back to their old school. *'It's so amazing to see my old school from a different perspective. I'm excited to get started with supporting young people,'* said one. We will keep you updated with further pictures and students' comments. A big thank you to both schools for allowing our students to visit, to obtain the necessary Child Development experience that will help them with their course.

FURZE PLATT STUDENTS VISIT



ST MARKS CARE HOME

Another lovely afternoon at St Marks Care Home with some of our students playing board games with the residents.

CLUBS LIST AND SPORTING FIXTURES



Next week all girls' training is as published. However Years 7, 8 and 9 boys' football training will all be on Wednesday 16th January from 3.15 – 4.15pm. There will be no Year 10 football training as they have two matches next week.

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST 2019

Sporting Fixtures

Team	Date	Home / Away	Against	Finish/ return to school approx.
Year 7 Football B	9.1.19	H	Holyport	4.45pm
Year 7 Football B	16.1.19	A (County Cup)	Little Heath	5.45pm
Year 7 Football B	23.1.19	H	Cox Green	4.45pm

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Team	Date	Home / Away	Against	Finish/ return to school approx.
Year 7 Football B	6.3.19	H	Desborough	4.45pm
Year 7 Football B	30.1.19	A	Luckley House	5.30pm
Year 8 Football B	31.1.19	A	Ranelagh	6pm
Year 8 Football B	7.3.19	A	Charters	6pm
Year 8 Football B	5.2.19	A	EPS	6pm
Year 8 Football B	22.1.19	A (County Cup)	Reading 2.30KO	4.45pm
Year 8 Football B	27.2.19	H	Sandhurst	5.30pm
Yr 9 Football B	6.2.19	H	Brakenhale	5pm
Yr 9 Football B	17.1.19	H	Bohunt	5pm
Yr 9 Football B	24.1.19	A	Waingels	5pm
Yr 9 Football B	28.1.19	H	Ranelagh 4.30KO	5.30pm
Yr 9 Football B	5.3.19	A	Sandhurst	6pm
Yr 9 Football B	21.1.19	H (County Cup)	Langley Academy	5pm
Yr10 Football B	14.1.19	H	Maiden Erlegh	5pm
Yr10 Football B	21.1.19	A	Edgebarrow	6pm
Yr10 Football B	7.2.19	H	Waingels	5pm
Yr10 Football B	15.1.19	A (county cup)	Kennet 2.30 KO	6pm
Yr10 Football B	TBC	TBC	Charters	TBC
Yr 7 A Netball	7.1.19	H		5.30pm
Yr 7 B Netball	6.2.19	H		
Yr 7 Netball Champion ships	27.3.19	H		5.30pm
Yr 8 A Netball	30.2.19	H		5.30pm
Yr 8 B Netball	27.3.19	H		5.30pm
Yr 8 Netball Champion ships	20.3.19			
Yr 9 Netball	23.1.19	H		5.30pm
Yr 9 Netball	13.3.19	H		5.30pm
Yr 10 Netball	16.1.19	H		5.30pm
Yr 10 Netball	6.3.19	H		5.30pm
Yr 11 Netball	13.2.19	H		5.30pm
Yr 7 Hockey	5.3.19	A	Braywick	6pm
Yr 7 Hockey	19.3.19	A	Charters	6.30pm
Yr 7 Hockey	2.4.19	A	Braywick	6pm

RBWM PROPOSAL

Please click [here](#) to see a letter from RBWM regarding a trial mini-roundabout:

**COURTHOUSE ROAD/ST MARKS ROAD/CRESCENT TRIAL
MINI-ROUNDBABOUT LETTER**

**COURTHOUSE ROAD/ST MARKS ROAD/CRESCENT TRIAL
MINI-ROUNDBABOUT MAP**

WHAT DO BLACK HOLES EAT?

Vicky Fawcett from Durham university shared a small part of her knowledge about supermassive black holes during a talk after school on Friday. A packed room heard tales from the deepest realms of the cosmos, including how black holes are formed at the centre of galaxies, a simulation of a black hole consuming a nearby star, and what “white holes” might be. A fascinating Q&A session afterward shed more light on the profound mysteries of Vicky’s current research project, quasars, and her previous research on exoplanets. Watch this space for future events in the science department!



Feeding Supermassive Black Holes

Vicky Fawcett
Durham University

Fri 4th January
Time: 3.30
Location: S4



REMINDERS

YEAR 10

YEAR 10 PPEs

Students have been given their PPE timetables. If students mislay these replacement timetables can be obtained from the Exams Office.

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

Attendance Officer required – January start

Part time, 35 hours per week, term time only

Actual salary £18,120 - £19,870 pa depending on experience

We are looking for someone to join our growing pastoral team and work alongside key school staff. With training and support you will play a key role in communicating with students, parents/carers and external agencies to promote excellent attendance and punctuality, and reduce levels of absence in line with school ethos and the school's Attendance Policy. Your main responsibilities would be to oversee the school's electronic attendance database, update registers with authorised absences, follow up incomplete registers, contact parents/carers of students whose absence has become a concern and provide administrative support to the Associate Assistant Headteacher, Inclusion – Student Support and Achievement.

We are looking for a team player with excellent interpersonal skills and written and verbal communication skills, who are passionate about ensuring all our students thrive. High levels of confidentiality are important as well as excellent attention to detail and accuracy for recording purposes.

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.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and we expect all staff to share this commitment. Posts are subject to an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Closing date: Monday 14th January 2019
Interviews will take place: week commencing 14th January 2019



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Our free Train to Teach events are a great opportunity to ask all your questions about a career in teaching.

- find out about the different training options
- get advice around the funding available for teacher training
- speak to teaching experts and receive personalised advice
- get feedback on your draft personal statement
- meet teacher training providers in your region
- talk to current teachers and trainees about life in the classroom


Train to Teach events are tailored at a local level – you'll get to meet representatives from schools and universities that lead teacher training in your region. Train to Teach events are being held in the locations listed below.

Nottingham	University of Nottingham	Tuesday 15 January 4.30-8pm
Bath	Apex City of Bath Hotel	Saturday 19 January 10am-2pm
Slough	Copthorne Slough	Tuesday 22 January 4.30-7.30pm
Bradford	The Bradford Hotel	Thursday 24 January 4.30-7.30pm
Liverpool	Liverpool John Moores University	Monday 28 January 4-7pm
Coventry	Welcome Centre	Thursday 31 January 4.30-7.30pm
Newcastle	Crowne Plaza Newcastle	Saturday 2 February 10am-2pm
Blackpool	Grand Hotel Blackpool	Tuesday 5 February 4.30-7.30pm
Peterborough	Holiday Inn West	Thursday 7 February 4.30-7.30pm
London	The Royal Lancaster Hotel	Saturday 9 February 10am-4pm
Manchester	University of Manchester	Wednesday 13 February 3-7pm
Ipswich	University of Suffolk	Thursday 14 February 4-7pm
Birmingham	University of Birmingham	Monday 25 February 3-7pm
Southampton	Novotel Southampton	Tuesday 26 February 4.30-7.30pm
Milton Keynes	Jurys Inn Milton Keynes	Wednesday 27 February 4.30-7.30pm
Crawley	Arora International Hotel	Thursday 28 February 4.30-8pm
Hatfield	University of Hertfordshire	Tuesday 5 March 4.30-7.30pm
Middlesbrough	Jurys Inn Middlesbrough	Wednesday 6 March 4.30-7.30pm
Doncaster	Mercure Doncaster Danum Hotel	Wednesday 13 March 4.30-7.30pm
Leicester	Mercure Grand Hotel	Thursday 14 March 4.30-7.30pm
Bournemouth	Hilton Bournemouth	Thursday 21 March 4.30-7.30pm
Bristol	Mercure Bristol Grand	Tuesday 26 March 4.30-8pm
Lincoln	DoubleTree by Hilton	Wednesday 27 March 4.30-7.30pm
Colchester	Colchester Town Hall	Thursday 28 March 4.30-7.30pm
London	St Mary's University	Saturday 27 April 11am-3pm

Register today. Search: Get Into Teaching

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