



### PRAISE FROM THE COMMUNITY

It has been lovely to receive several letters of praise from the community about our staff and students recently. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to write in and well done to everyone whose behaviour has been mentioned in these letters, we are proud of you.

"...thank you and your wonderful staff for the time & trouble you take to ensure our daughter's time at Furze Platt is so positive."

"...the golden tickets, positive behaviour points, end of term nominations and film sessions have all been tangible and reaffirming experiences."

"Recently I saw a couple of your teachers outside the school gates with an obviously distressed pupil. I was in two minds whether or not to write...but in the end I have. Please pass on to them how impressed I was by their obvious care and patience for a fellow human being who at that moment just needed someone there for them."



### UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)
[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

#### Next Week (WEEK 2)

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

#### Forthcoming Events

<b>WED 30</b> JANUARY	Year 11 Photos	All Day
<b>THU 31</b> JANUARY	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening - Examination Preparation and Revision	7pm - 8.30pm

**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](#)

## LEAVER'S EVENTS AND HOODIES FOR YEAR 11



As our Year 11 students reach the end of their GCSE courses and the end of compulsory education, a number of traditions to mark this time have evolved in recent years. This is to let you know exactly what they are, and enable you to be aware of the financial implications of some of these. The Year 11 photographs, hoodies and Prom are not compulsory or obligatory, but in the case of genuine financial hardship, please contact Miss Lewis in confidence so we can ensure that your son/daughter does not miss out.

### Year 11 Photographs – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

A copy of the photograph of the whole of Year 11 costs approximately £23, which can be ordered from school after you have seen the proofs. There will also be opportunities for students to have friendship group photos taken on the day. Students must be in full, correct uniform in order to be in the photograph.

### Leavers' Hoodies – order by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

These should be ordered via your child's WisePay account (under General Payments), indicating hoodie size and colour (plus nickname if required). Hoodies cost £25.00 and can be personalised with an acceptable nickname for an additional £5.00.

### Year 11 Graduation Ceremony – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Our Year 11s will have a formal graduation ceremony, held at school, to mark the end of their compulsory schooling. Further details will follow in due course.

### Year 11 Prom – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June

This will take place at Windsor Racecourse, Windsor and tickets will cost approximately £38 per head, to include a buffet, disco, and photographs. There will be a professional photographer and photobooth at the event. Students will need to have collected a minimum of 1200 **positive** points (not overall points) to be able to purchase a ticket. Tickets will be on sale after the Easter holiday. Further details will follow in due course.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish your daughter/son well in their final weeks at school prior to their exams, and hope that the end of year celebrations will be a fitting end to a hardworking year. For students planning to return to the Sixth Form in September, taster days will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Further details will follow in due course from Mr J. Dollery, Head of Sixth Form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: [catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net](mailto:catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net)

Mrs C Johnstone, Marketing and Events Manager

## LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

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### French

Ed Fisher Year 8  
Sarah Kafori Year 7  
George Lykov Year 7  
Natasha Harris Year 7  
Laura Harrit Year 7

### German

Shana Yanou Year 7  
Keith Cory Year 9  
Rhys Cox Year 9  
Elroy Colaco Year 9  
Jess Thomas Year 7

### Spanish

Anya Idrizi Year 11  
Leo Cox Year 8  
Max Mitchell Year 8  
Jake Stanley Year 8  
Rajveer Notay Year 11

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

### TWITTER: @FURZE\_PLATT

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



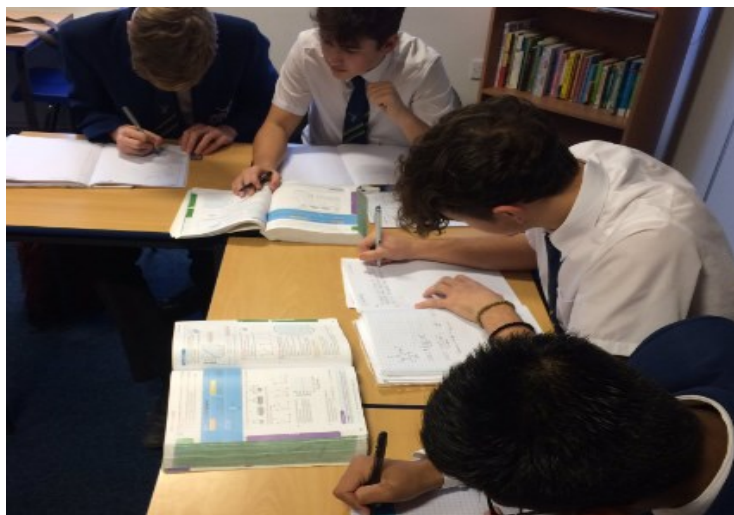
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## FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

### FROM THIS WEEK'S TWITTER FEED:

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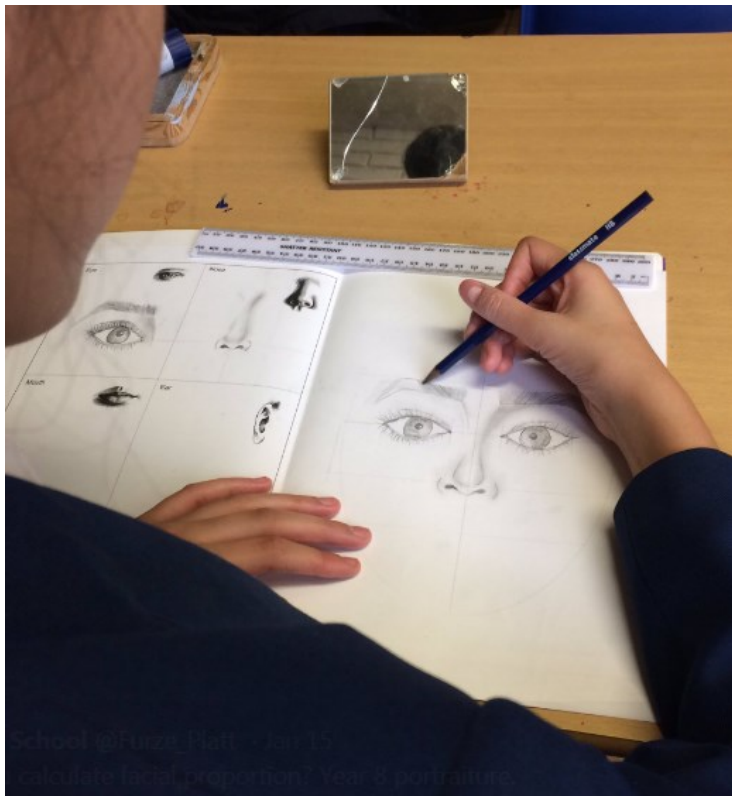
Heads down and revising for their Maths PPE this Wednesday. Good luck Year 11!



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## TUESDAY

How do you calculate facial proportion? Year 8 portraiture.



## THURSDAY

Acid or Alkali? Year 7 making a red cabbage indicator to test substances and answer the question.



## WEDNESDAY

Early morning movement and revision combined at our pre school fitness club. Great way to prepare for a Maths PPE today!



## FRIDAY

Thanks to Learning to Work and our various guests for inspiring Year 11 about their careers today.



## ALUMNI NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND



Ex-student Callum Thompson has been playing cricket in New Zealand as an overseas pro in the Northland Premier Grade. He has made the newspaper headlines several times, but most notably for his 5/38 and hat-trick against Onerahi Central earlier in the season. As well as playing and training several times throughout the week, he is coaching in primary and secondary schools 5 days a week, in addition to being Head Coach at his designated club, Maungakaramaea CC. Callum is using the experience as preparation for his return to the UK for his upcoming 2019 season where he is taking on the role as Vice-Captain for Boyne Hill CC, having spent the past 2 years captaining the Elite International Cricket Academy, based at Hampshire Cricket.



Year 10 Boys' Football team beat Maiden Erlegh 5-2 and lost 4-1 to Kennet in the County Cup.

Year 10 Girls' Netball was postponed due to bad weather.

### Next Week:

#### Saturday

Berkshire Schools' Cross Country at Newbury

#### Monday

Year 9 Boys' Football team Home v Langley Academy  
Year 10 Boys' Football team Away at Edgebarrow

#### Tuesday

Year 8 Boys' Football team County Cup at Reading  
Years 7 and 8 Girls' Football training

#### Wednesday

Year 7 Boys' Football team Home v Cox Green  
Year 7 Boys' Football training

#### Thursday

Year 9 Boys' Football team at Waingels

#### Friday

Badminton Club

No Years 8, 9 or 10 football training due to fixtures and parents evening.

## UFTON DRAMA SUMMER SCHOOL



We are now taking application for our 2019 Drama Summer School. Paper applications can be downloaded from our website or you can use the online application form. Applications can be made from students in Year 10 and above.

**UFTON DRAMA SUMMER SCHOOL WEBSITE**

More information can also be found on our Facebook page:

**UFTON DRAMA FACEBOOK PAGE**

## SPORTS NEWS



### This Week:

Year 7 Boys' Football team beat Little Heath 3-2 on penalties in first round of County Cup

Year 9 Boys' Football team beat Bohunt 4-0

## PTFA



### Matched Funding

If you work for a large blue-chip organisation, your company may offer matched funding. Please enquire to see if we can double our PTFA efforts through your work as we are very keen to maximise this area of potential income.

### Hiring the school's new Hall (from 2020)

Our new Hall will be fully operational from April 2020 and will have seating for 450 (a huge increase on the current 250), a stage and theatrical equipment. If you know anyone who would be interested in hiring this when completed, please email Mrs L Moore, Head of Operations and Business Development: [lynne.moore@furzeplatt.net](mailto:lynne.moore@furzeplatt.net)

### EasyFundraising

Please consider making Furze Platt your choice for raising funds when shopping online. If you have been supporting

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another club or organisation for years it may be time for a change?

## EASY FUNDRAISING

### 200 Club

The next draw will be taken during the drama production on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, followed by one during our very popular Big Quiz on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)**

**MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)**



## REMINDERS

### 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 11 PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Year 11 photos will take place on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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**



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

This event is for the whole of Year 10 and is being run by Jacobs plc. they are is 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

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## EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT EVENTS AT FURZE PLATT (CONT.)

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 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## CLUBS LIST AND SPORTING FIXTURES

**SCHOOL CLUBS LIST 2019**

**SPORTS FIXTURES 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:

**INFORMATION & TRAINING**

**FOOD FOR THE EXPEDITION**

**KIT FOR THE EXPEDITION**

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 8<sup>th</sup> February.

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

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

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH WEBPAGE**



## RBWM PROPOSAL

Please click here to see a letter from RBWM regarding a trial mini-roundabout:

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

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



**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.

# HERE COME THE GIRLS

Girls and Ladies rugby is one of the fastest growing sports in the UK. At Rams Rugby we offer girls rugby for all ages and all abilities, so come and have a go.

If you enjoy playing rugby at school, if you are inspired by the Red Roses, come and give rugby a go:

We will offer an introduction to rugby, working on the basic skills through to more advanced skills. Sessions are designed above all to make new friends and have fun whilst playing rugby.

**Come and try under the lights**  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 6pm.**  
**All girls from Year 6 welcome.**



**Our regular training sessions are:**  
**U6 to U11 (Minis section), Sundays from 10am**  
**U12 to U15 (Year 7 to Year 10), both Sundays**  
**(11.30 am) and Wednesdays from 7.30pm.**  
**U16 (Year 11) to Ladies rugby Wed. from 7.30pm**



For more details, email Luke Simpson, Girls Rugby Manager, [luke3615@btinternet.com](mailto:luke3615@btinternet.com)

Old Bath Road, Sonning, Berkshire RG4 6TQ

[www.ramsrugby.com](http://www.ramsrugby.com)



[www.facebook.com/redingensians](https://www.facebook.com/redingensians)



@Rams\_RFC



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
**7.30pm - 10.30pm**

At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall

Featuring music, trivia, and picture questions as well as two 'team challenges'.



per person



people per table  
But you can book in  
any numbers from  
1-6 and we'll find  
teams for you.



Giant Pan Catering  
from  
Ashridge Delicious  
Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons  
Forestiere and Cassoulet



bar & prize  
raffle

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

Specialist Learning Support Assistant – Fixed Term Contract for one year  
- start date as soon as possible

Part time, 32.5 hours per week, term time only

Actual salary £16,820 - £18,870 pa depending on experience

We are looking for someone with current Team Teach (or equivalent) training and experience of working with ASD students to support an individual student initially in Year 8. You will provide one-to-one support to the student predominantly in a classroom setting, encouraging the student to become a confident independent learner.

You will provide pastoral support and guidance to the student and assist in their behavioural, emotional and social development. Keeping records of the student's progress and providing feedback as well as highlighting observed difficulties to teachers and other specialists and suggest appropriate strategies is also key to this role. You will attend meetings with teachers, the student's parents and other professionals and contribute to reviews and action plans. The ability to communicate effectively and confidently and use initiative as well as working in a team is paramount.

If you have experience of working with young people with challenging behaviour and special education needs please refer to our school website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) for further information and to obtain an application form. 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.

*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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Interviews will take place: week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019