

**SPORTING SUPERSTARS****BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Last weekend saw a number of Furze Platt students competing at the Berkshire Schools' Cross Country Championships. Many congratulations to all who took part in a very cold and wet event, held at Newbury Showground. Beth Murray, Adam Gambrill and Frank McGrath were selected to represent Berkshire Schools at the SE Inter Counties. In addition, the Year 8/9 Boys' team: Frank McGrath, Edwin Isted, Euan Russell and Charlie Shervell finished a very close second – well done to them all and their respective running clubs, Cookham Running Club and Maidenhead AC.

**Our runners:**

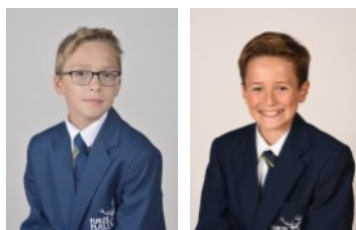
Year 12: Beth Murray, Molly Sammes, Adam Gambrill, Toby Ralphs

Year 11: Ben Reynolds

Year 10: Alex Bate

Year 9: Euan Russell, Frank McGrath, Edwin Isted

Year 8: Charlie Shervell

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

**Next Week (WEEK 1)**

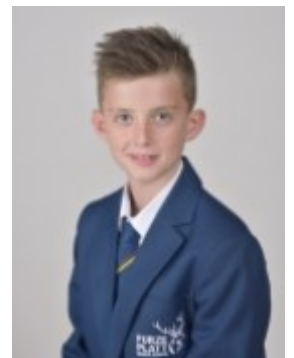
<b>WED 30</b> JANUARY	Year 11 Photos	All Day
<b>THU 31</b> JANUARY	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening - Examination Preparation and Revision	7pm - 8.30pm

**Forthcoming Events**

<b>THU 7</b> FEBRUARY	Year 8 Options Evening	6pm - 8.30pm
<b>FRI 8</b> FEBRUARY	Late school start	9.10am

**SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20****FURZE PLATT STUDENT SELECTED FOR BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS' FA U14 TEAM**

Ben Parrott (Year 9) has been invited to play in the Berkshire Schools' FA U14. Ben has played four matches this year and is proud to represent the school and have the opportunity to take part in good, quality football. Ben says he "enjoys the chance to play with 'quality players' from other schools" and play alongside players from academies.



We wish Ben well with his forthcoming matches.

## STUDENT RECEPTIONISTS

At Furze Platt Senior School we understand that as well as providing an education for our students, we are also seeking to teach them skills useful for their lives beyond school.

Key aspects to many futures roles are the skills of responsibility and of trustworthiness, as well as the confidence to meet and talk to new people. Students will have many opportunities to develop these throughout their school life including through our student receptionist programme.

During Years 7 and 8 students are required to spend time acting as student receptionists. The role requires students to help the office, pastoral and teaching staff to support the rest of the school body by completing a variety of jobs. They will be based in our reception and be the public face of Furze Platt to any visitors.

Students could be asked to perform any of the following:

- Acting as guides to potential new students and their families, explaining the location of key buildings and answering any questions the guests may have.
- Showing visitors to the appropriate room for their meetings.
- Taking messages to students from parents who have called the school or dropped something into school.
- Performing lesson checks to ensure students are in their correct classes or helping them locate the right area of school.
- Delivering messages to students for various support meetings.
- Distributing letters to staff and students.
- Greeting visitors to the school.
- Helping office staff with appropriate administrative tasks.

Whilst we understand this will mean students miss being in the classroom for a couple of lessons, the student receptionists collect work from their subject teachers which they complete in between their receptionist duties.

We know our students make wonderful ambassadors for our school and will enjoy this opportunity and learn more about how the school functions.

## PARENT / CARER SKILLS REGISTER

From time to time we find we need some specialist help from parents or carers. For example, recently we could have benefited from advice from experts in the field of theatre

design, information technology and data security. If you would be willing to be added please could you add your details to our skills register by following the link below.

## PARENT/CARER SKILLS REGISTER

## 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:

## MONDAY

Ultimate Football Team - who will make Mr Whitaker's Team of the Week? Pictured with Fraser Quin, Year 10.



Year 10 Art PPE underway. Good luck to our Year 10s in their exams this week.




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## T U E S D A Y

Fantastic result from our Year 9 Football team, with a confident win over Langley Academy 7-0. Hat trick from S Khan.

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Little Shop of Horrors - tickets will be available Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Come along and 'Seymour' of our wonderful production! 



## W E D N E S D A Y

FPSS is OPEN as normal today. Currently we are further gritting the site so take care when first coming into school this morning.



Snow day information and other important messages can be found on our Twitter account. Follow us to receive these live updates.



Enjoy the snow today, it looks lovely around the school site.



## T H U R S D A Y

Year 9 coding development from Small Basic to python in readiness for GCSE Computing NEA coursework.



## F R I D A Y

It's going to be a table! Year 13 Product Design outcomes are underway.



### DUKE OF EDINBURGH

#### YEARS 9 AND 10 CONSTRUCTION SITE VISIT

We were lucky enough to be invited to a construction site for a look at the building work and a chat to the staff. The company was called VolkerFitzpatrick and they are building offices in Cox Green.

The site manager was really helpful, kind and treated us well. He gave a fantastic presentation about the building work, as well as giving advice about different jobs in the construction industry, and how to get started on our chosen career path. We found the presentation to be interesting and useful and it has helped us to consider our future career plans.

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The visit also helped us to see how the work we do in our Construction lessons can be used in the building industry.

We hope to have the chance to visit the site when it's completed. Thanks to Scott and Alex for making the experience so enjoyable.



#### • Market Wraps

BBQ Beef  
Piri Piri Chicken  
Falafel Wrap



- Topped Sweet Potato Fries
- Green Power Pasta Pot - Gluten free Pasta Pesto and Spinach
- Back by popular demand - BBQ Chicken Panini and Ham and Cheese Baguette.
- New Breakfast Wrap – Bacon, Sausage, Hash Brown and Cheese
- Lemon & Poppy Seed Muffin
- Firecracker Style Chicken Baguette
- New Chicken Inferno Pizza Slice

All cakes and frostings are suitable for Vegans, and all cookies are low sugar.

#### NEWS FROM OUR CAFÉ

Here are a few new additions to our menu for this year:

#### • New Pots

Nacho Dip Pot with Guacamole and Salsa  
Bread Dip Pot with Flatbread, Hummus and Chick Peas  
Apple Slices \*with nut free wow butter dip  
Dried Fruit Pot

#### CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

At Christmas, Dr Morrison placed a mystery object in a box in the Main Hall. We can reveal that only three students correctly guessed the object, which was a monkey. A draw took place to decide the winner and Danny Lawrence's name was chosen. Danny's form, BM3, had the pleasure of sharing the prize, a monkey piñata, which exploded with

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plenty of treats. Well done to him and thank you to Dr Morrison from Miss Paradowska and all in BM3!



## REMINDERS

YEAR  
11

### 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](#)

### JESSOPS DISCOUNT

Jessops in Maidenhead are offering a discount to Furze Platt students and their families on their passport photo service - 30% discount off the regular price of £9.95. Please quote FurzePlatt for this offer.

**JESSOPS** **30% OFF**

**DISCOUNT CODE: FurzePlatt**

### MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE



**'COUNTY LINES' LETTER FROM THE POLICE**

### 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](#)

### 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.

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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)



## 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



## LEAVER'S EVENTS AND HOODIES FOR YEAR 11 (CONT.)

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

## 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 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 Biq Quiz on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)**

**MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)**



# LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>,  
WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AND  
THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY,  
7PM

Drama Studios,  
Furze Platt Senior School

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY



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





**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