

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #57.7







SIXTH FORM APPLICATION DEADLINE MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY





39 Different Universities73 Different Courses104 Students

With February half term quickly approaching please be reminded of the **Sixth Form application deadline**, which is **Monday 25th February**. Most of you I'm sure will be wanting to send off your application to Sixth Form before we break up for half term today, so you can concentrate on revision over the half term.

If you have any questions or issues with regards to your application, or about Sixth Form in general please do not hesitate to speak to your tutor, PSHE teacher, Mr Angier, Mrs Wilson-Tromp or myself.

I look forward to reading your application.

Mr J Dollery (Assistant Head - Head of Sixth Form)

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS & COURSE GUIDE 2019

OUR SIXTH FORM COURSES

CURRENT STUDENT APPLICANTS: APPLY HERE

GUEST STUDENT APPLICANTS: APPLY HERE

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

Next Week

MON 18 - FRI 22 FEBRUARY

Half Term Holidays

Forthcoming Events

MON 25 FEBRUARY	Start of Term 4 (Week 2)	8.45am start
	Parents' Community Group Meeting	6pm - 7pm
FRI 1 MARCH	Year 9 (Bronze) Duke of Edinburgh Training Day	All Day
TUE 5 MARCH	PTFA meeting – all welcome	6pm - 7pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20

HOUSE TOP 75 STUDENTS - TERM 3



This week, the top 75 students in each house were rewarded for their exemplary behaviour in term 3. Each student had shown outstanding behaviour and dedication to their studies, and as such were allowed to watch a film with popcorn. This term's film was 'Incredibles 2'.



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YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING 2019

Last Thursday, Furze Platt welcomed the parents of the current Year 8 students to an information evening in the Main Hall. The event was designed to give students and parents a more informed choice about the subjects students

would like to take further in their school careers.

Choosing Your Option Subjects

Patrick Option Choices

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German

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(Photograph courtesy of Katie Pettigrew and Georgie Moore, Year 9 Ambassadors)

CORE SUBJECTS

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Students choose 4 options and 2 reserve choices from the option subjects below.

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Students choose

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YEAR 8 OPTIONS PRESENTATION

YEAR 8 OPTIONS BOOKLET

YEAR 8 OPTIONS FORM

The evening was split over two sittings with four Houses attending each talk. Anna Gambrill in Year 9 was excellent as the evening's compere, welcoming the parents as well as introducing the speakers and summarising the information.

Patrick Kelly and Ellie Gavin, also Year 9, were fantastic speakers, sharing their insights and experiences into the options process.

After the talks were finished, parents were guided to the Maths block for the Options Fair, where more advice was on hand by subject teachers.

This year, we also introduced our new Year 9 ambassadors, who welcomed parents, gave informative talks and assisted with any questions.

The deadline for handing in options forms is Monday 25th February. There is a box in the library where students can deposit their forms.

The evening was incredibly well attended by Year 8 parents. Special thanks to all our subject teachers, student helpers, Year 9 Ambassadors and the technical support team who all helped to make the evening such a huge success.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS





We have some amazingly talented student performers who entertained us all over four nights this week with a fantastic production of 'Little Shop of Horrors'.

Well done to everyone involved, including the tech team, and a special thank you to our PTFA for supplying delicious refreshments at the interval.

The production was arranged and choreographed by a team of staff without whom we simply would not have been able to see such a polished and professional performance.

Thank you to Mrs Bradley; Miss Satterthwaite; Miss Gibson; Mr Forster and Mrs Armstrong who were all inspirational and kept spirits up during the many rehearsals. We cannot wait to see what they choose to put on for next year's performance!

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL



Our Year 7 team beat Brackenhale 11-1 to reach the County Cup quarter finals. They were incredible to a man - many congratulations to them all.

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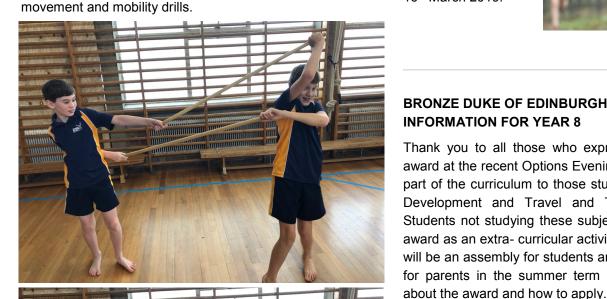
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Charlie Jelfs Lennon Moore Josh Parrott Jayden Taylor Jake Coomes

Jayden Taylor scored an amazing goal during the match (a 'worldie' or world class).

PE AND MOBILITY DRILLS









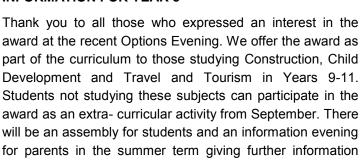
FURZE PLATT STUDENT SELECTED FOR JUNIOR BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



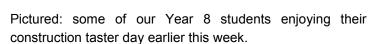
Congratulations to Frank McGrath Year 9 on being selected to represent Berkshire Schools at the English Schools XC Championships in Leeds on Saturday 16th March 2019.



BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH INFORMATION FOR YEAR 8



YEAR 8 CONSTRUCTION TASTER DAY







SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH **NAVIGATION**



Our Silver DofE team pictured out on a Navigation training day with the Outdoor Education Project (and Arthur the DofE dog!) Photo courtesy of the Youth Service.



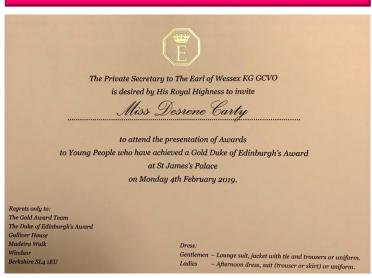
GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH CEREMONY AT ST JAMES' PALACE



Miss Carty, our Duke of Edinburgh Manager, was lucky enough to be invited to watch a Gold Award ceremony at St James' Palace on Monday 4th February. The event was focussed on the young people's achievements and celebrating their successes. It was lovely to hear about individuals' activities and what achieving their award meant to them. The Earl of Wessex spent a great deal of time talking to the groups of young people and congratulating them on their accomplishments. We look forward to seeing our own Gold participants having their moment next year.

Miss Carty mentors, advises and supports all students who take the DofE Awards at all levels. Under her guidance, our DofE Awards section (both as a curricular and extracurricular activity) have become extremely popular. more information please click the link below.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH INFORMATION



PTFA 200 CLUB WINNERS



Congratulations to our 200 Club winning numbers: 12 (twelve), 83 (eighty three), 64 (sixty four). Each win £200.







BUY GREETINGS CARDS AND HELP DONATE TO OUR SCHOOL



Want to stock up on greetings cards? Buy through Pink & Green and they will make a donation to the PTFA!

CLICK HERER TO DONATE

VALENTINE'S DAY TREATS



Our café were offering some gorgeous treats this week to celebrate Valentine's Day. The café was also decorated beautifully - thank you to all our hardworking café staff.





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

COVER SUPERVISOR – TO START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Part time, 31.25 hours per week, Start time 8.30am, finish time 3.15pm (includes half hour unpaid break) Monday to Friday term time only

Actual salary £14,450 - £15,750 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. Your main role will be to ensure that cover work is delivered to students using the tools provided, including completing the class register. An important part of cover requires managing the behaviour of students whilst in the classroom within the guidelines of the school's behaviour policy. You will also 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 able to work with a minimum of supervision and is interested in working with young people in a classroom environment. If you have experience already of working with children and/or young people or if you are looking for some experience in a classroom environment in preparation for possible teacher training, please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com.

Application forms should be returned to gill.dandridge@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 25th February 2019

Interviews will take place week commencing 25th February 2019

CURRENT VACANCIES

COVER SUPERVISOR APPLICATION PACK

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