



NEWS FROM OUR EXAMS OFFICE



Well done to all our Year 11 Art students and our Year 13 Photography students who have now completed their GCSEs and A Levels in those subjects respectively. By the end of this week, everyone taking French, German and Spanish GCSEs will have completed their language speaking exams.

For all our students taking exams in the next few weeks, please ensure you have all the relevant equipment. If you have any queries please look at the Exams Handbook link below.

A reminder too that during the main exams period from Monday 13th May until Friday 14th June, Break 2 will be moving to 12.45pm - 1.15pm for the whole school.

FPSS PUBLIC EXAMS HANDBOOK

LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION – TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY



'Alice' rehearsals are nearing an end and the production is looking magical! Don't be late for this very important date! Open your mind and venture with Alice down the rabbit



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next Week (Week 1)

MON 13 - FRI 14

MAY JUNE

Exams

Forthcoming Events

MON 20

Parents' Community Group Meeting

6pm - 7pm

MON 20 - FRI 24

MAY

Year 7 Internal Exams (English, Maths & Science)

FRI 24

MAY

End of Term 5

FRI 24 - SUN 26

MAY

Year 7 PGL Trip (Group 1)

FRI 24 - SAT 25

MAY

Year 9 (Bronze) Duke of Edinburgh Assessment Expedition

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20



hole into a world of wonder and curiosity. "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" Please visit Wisepay from Monday 13th May in order to get your tickets.

FURZE PLATT STUDENTS SELECTED FOR DISTRICT ATHLETICS TEAM



Congratulations to the following students who, after excellent performances this week, have been selected for the District Athletics team.

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They will be competing for the District on Saturday 8th June.

Brogan McCafferty 100m
Martha Garner 200m
Orla Brennan 400m
Jack Staunton – Pole Vault
Nick Holdsworth 300m
Edwin Isted 800m
Frank McGrath 1500m
Iwan Hughes 100m hurdles
James Badham 200m
Ben Reynolds 1500m
Alex Bate 800m
Adam Gambrill 1500m
Sammy March 800m

OUR VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD BY SOPHIE CALDWELL (YEAR 12)



The University of Oxford is set in a picturesque city with cobbled streets and architecture dating back to the 1500's showing the rich culture and history and giving a real 'Harry Potter-esque' impression. Aside from the beautiful scenery, during our trip to Oxford we heard a talk on university admissions; what do admissions tutors look for? What should be in a personal statement? What type of student goes to Oxford? The talk was informative, and I got the impression having a passion for one's chosen subject and the drive to study it in depth is the main thing Oxford tutors look for in prospective students. Similarly, any misconceptions about elitism in the University was dispelled and overall it seemed a diverse and welcoming environment to study in.



Furthermore, we had an interesting discussion about 'the importance of vision' a sample essay question in a medicine admissions exam. We talked about the impact of vision in society and even 'vision' interpreted as 'innovation or ideas'. Following this, we spoke to students from a range of different subjects about life at university and each of their different subjects. We ate lunch in college with former Furze Platt students and had tours of Brasenose and Magdalen College in which we saw stunning deer gardens and an impressive library.

PGL GROUP 1 (BISHAM, COOKHAM, ETON AND MARLOW)

24TH – 26TH MAY 2019



If your child is in Group 1 of the PGL (going to Osmington Bay 24-26th May), please see below for a letter regarding the activities on offer. Group 2 will be informed of their activities shortly.

Miss D Boseley, PGL Leader

PGL TRIP - GROUP 1 ACTIVITIES

ENGLISH MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME



This week a handful of our Year 7 students were selected to begin their Reading Mentorship Programme with ABC to Read. This fantastic charity trains volunteers to mentor students in schools across Berkshire - nurturing a sincere love of reading in the process. ABC to Read boasts a 97% improved attitude to reading alongside a 93% increase in reading accuracy; as a school we are exceptionally lucky to be benefitting from their services. Our students will receive one-to-one coaching for the remainder of the term ... and we can't wait to share our very own success stories! The charity also extended their sincere gratitude for the huge sum of money raised through our mufti day last term; this will help to extend their valuable service county wide.

Miss N McDonnell, Teacher of English

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS ASSESSOR REPORTS, CERTIFICATES AND FEEDBACK



Thank you for your continued support with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Furze Platt. It has been wonderful to celebrate your child's successes throughout all sections.

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If all the assessor reports have been submitted, the information will automatically be sent for verification. Please ask your child to log into their account regularly to check the progress of their Award.

Full certificates will be handed out in assembly at a later date.

If your child has borrowed kit, we would be grateful if it can be returned as soon as possible.

We would be grateful if you can spare a few minutes to complete the questionnaire below to provide some helpful feedback.

FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

We hope your child chooses to progress to the next level.

Miss D Carty, Duke of Edinburgh Awards Manager

U14 CRICKET TEAM

U14 cricket team played against Claires Court this week, strongly led by captain Tom Nicholas (Year 9). Great effort from the whole team but particularly well bowled Luke Cairns (Year 8), well batted Ben Wilson (Year 9) for his 44 and Josh Dilley (also Year 9) was excellent all round.



HOT CHOCOLATE AND GAMES MORNING REWARD

Congratulations to JJ Harris, Tia Seamons, Harvey Wood, and Shivani Rajput (all Year 7) pictured with Year 12 students Hashim Iqbal and Jake Lewington enjoying games and hot chocolate as part of their reward prize.



YEAR 11 CELEBRATE AT OUTSTANDING CARE HOME

Our Year 11 Construction and Child Development groups were invited to celebrate with the residents of St Mark's Care Home in Maidenhead at an afternoon party on Tuesday 6th May. These students have been volunteering for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards at the care home since September, and we were happy to support their success. St Mark's Care Home has recently gained an Outstanding rating from Ofsted. Congratulations to all involved.



GOLD MEDAL WINNER IN ROWING



A fantastic Bank Holiday weekend's sporting results from M Bird (Year 10), finishing second at Wallingford Regatta in J16 quad (rowing a year above) and winning the next day at Marlow Spring in J15 single. Max has been coached by Victor Kleshnev, a multi Gold medal winner who also attended Furze Platt Senior School.

WILD ABOUT GARDENS

Wild Maidenhead, founded by our Break Supervisor Rachel Cook and friends, have launched a scheme to make our gardens more wildlife friendly. 'We want everyone to do

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more for wildlife in our gardens to provide our flora and fauna with a rich and diverse home.

We are running a new Wild About Gardens Awards Scheme which aims to help people value the contribution of wildlife in their gardens – and to do that across our whole community. Wild Maidenhead are especially keen to encourage younger residents to take interest in the natural world. Therefore, I would be delighted if the students at Furze Platt Senior School could take this on board and enter their own gardens this summer. It is completely free. All you have to do is tick a few boxes (and perhaps do something for wildlife in your own garden so you can tick some more of course).



Bisham, Bray, Cookham, Cox Green, Holyport, Hurley, Knowl Hill, central Maidenhead, Pinkneys Green, Waltham St Lawrence and White Waltham are included in the scheme. It is planned to extend the scheme to other local areas in the future.

Wild About Gardens is not a competition: it is a certification scheme based on the self-assessment check list of twenty-four different garden features. All help wildlife and many can easily be added to help your garden qualify.

Details can be found on the Wild Maidenhead's website below.

Thank you.'

Mrs R Cook, Break Supervisor

[WILD MAIDENHEAD WEBSITE](#)



REMINDERS



YEAR 11 AND 13 STUDENT LEAVERS

As your son/daughter approaches the end of their time in school we would like to remind you to plan your top-ups and spending so the balance on their catering account is at a minimum by the time they leave school. This will help reduce administration in the school and at Innovate Business Support Centre.

Innovate will not refund account balances less than £5. Instead the total value of all account balances less than £5 (school leavers only) will be donated to the school.

If your account balance is over £5 you may either request a refund, have the money transferred to a younger sibling, or donate the balance to the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SIXTH FORM PREMIUM MEAL DEAL



[SIXTH FORM PREMIUM MEAL DEAL ORDER FORM](#)

NEW!

WILDLIFE AWARDS FOR GARDENS IN MAIDENHEAD

Do you try to help wildlife like bees, butterflies, birds or hedgehogs in your garden? You could be awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate in the new **Wild About Gardens Awards** scheme and win recognition for your contribution

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24 different garden features qualify!

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Launches 29th March | Closes 31st July

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Enter online at www.wildmaidenhead.org.uk/waga

WILD MAIDENHEAD WEBSITE

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

Science Technician Level One – start June 2019

Part time, 25 hours a week, Monday to Friday, term time only with a strong possibility of the hours increasing.

Actual salary £11,095 - £11,310 pa depending on experience

Due to the expansion of our school we are looking for someone to join a well-established, hardworking and friendly Science Technician team. You will be provided with support and training to enable you to prepare materials and teaching aids for practical lessons and clear away afterwards including washing glassware and replenishing stock. You will also be responsible for receiving and checking deliveries of stock, carrying out basic maintenance and cleaning of equipment and ensuring that equipment and materials are stored safely within the technician area.

If you enjoy working as part of a team and would like the opportunity to learn new skills as well as develop your existing skill set then this job is right for you. We will consider applicants with previous experience of working in a laboratory or educational environment but this is not essential. This role might suit someone who wishes to return to the workplace following a break. A can do attitude, flexibility, good organisational and communication skills as well as a good sense of humour would be of benefit.

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 gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Closing date: Monday 13th May 2019
Interviews will take place: week commencing 13th May 2019

FPSS CURRENT VACANCIES



BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

The Sports Hall, New Road, Bourne End SL8 5BW

OPEN DAY

Saturday 18th May 2019

09.00 to 13.00 (see timetable below)

at

Bourne End Junior Sports Club

The Sports Hall, New Road, Bourne End

Free Entry.

Come and join us for sampler sessions of various sports plus information and children's activities.

TIMETABLE

Tiny Kickers Football (2 to 4yrs) - 9.00 to 10.00

Canoeing, Climbing, Badminton, Basketball & Table Tennis - 10.00 to 11.00

Mini footballers (5 to 6yrs) - 11.00 to 12.00

Wildcats (Girls) football - 12:00 to 13:00

For details call us on

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