Monday 13 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ May - Friday 174h May 2019

## FURZE PLATT FOCUS Weekly Newsletter - Issue \#58. 4

## YEAR 11 CONDITIONAL OFFERS FOR SIXTH FORM

 DUE BACK FRIDAY $24^{\text {TH }}$ MAYPlease be reminded that the replies for the Year 11 students who have received a conditional offer of a Sixth Form place for September 2019 and to confirm attendance at the Taster days on Wednesday $3^{\text {rd }}$ July and Thursday $4^{\text {th }}$ July are due back by Friday $24^{\text {th }}$ May.

## YEAR 9 PRE PUBLIC EXAMS

## JUNE 2019



All GCSE subjects are running Year 9 PPEs. Please see below for the timetabled sessions which will be sat in normal lessons, in students' usual classrooms.

## YEAR 9 PPE ARRANGEMENTS JUNE 2019

## YEAR 11

## GRADUATION, PROM AND LEAVERS' HOODIES

Graduation seats can be booked through your child's WisePay account under 'Trips'. Please note, prom tickets will only be released for sale once students have achieved 1200 positive points. Leavers' hoodies will be given out at the end of the day next Friday, $24^{\text {th }}$ May, in the School Gym.

## LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

FRENCH: Declan Pinto (Year 8), Trynece Hamilton, Xiao Yan Chu, Patrick Flood, Cara Alberts (all Year 11); GERMAN: Mr Brand (Head of ICT), Honey Young (Year 11), Chloe Pounde, Melissa Barnby (both Year 10); SPANISH: Edward Roberts, Dan Wallace (both Year 11), Callum Lloyd (Year 7), Scarlett Phillips (Year 9), Daisy Rippon (Year 8)


Next Week (Week 2)


## Forthcoming Events

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MON 26 - FRI 31
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Half Term Holidays
MON 3
Start of Term 6

FURZE PLATT STUDENTS CODING AT HEATHROW
Our students thoroughly enjoying coding robots for obstacle course races this week. Thank you to @HeathrowAirport for hosting such an engaging event!



## BY SOPHIE CALDWELL, YEAR 12

Spanning the border between Switzerland and France, CERN is an inspiring place to be. It is the largest centre for particle physics research in the world, and the facilities certainly reflect that. To begin our tour of the large hadron collider we heard a talk on the physics behind particle accelerators, they explained how they ionised hydrogen to form protons and due to their positive charge they had to use extremely powerful electromagnets to control their movement. Following this, we saw models of the large hadron collider which were something akin to science fiction; overall, the tour showed the possibility and power of scientific research and has reinforced my desire to study the sciences further.

On the second day of our visit to Geneva we visited the UN office, from the outside it would seem like any other building but the interior can only be described as stunning. The UN has been gifted artwork from countries across the globe hence the interior is bursting with culture all of which reflects the international diplomatic efforts of the UN and the collaboration between nations. We also visited the old town in Geneva and the Red Cross museum which showed the imperative humanitarian work that charities such as the Red Cross do on a daily basis which truly demonstrates a positive and empowering side to human nature.

Overall the trip was interesting from a cultural, historical and scientific perspective and revealed what can be accomplished through collaboration. Perhaps we


## YEAR 13 LEAVERS PARADE

On their last day before study leave, our Year 13 students paraded through the school grounds dressed as Superheroes and Villains. Each year the parade is on a different theme but this year stood out for its creativity and artistic flair with costumes and decorations, which also showed members of staff depicted as characters.


We wish all our Year 13 students the very best of luck with their forthcoming exams.

## FURZE PLATT STUDENTS - BERKSHIRE ROUND ESAA RESULTS


(pictured: Inter Team)

We had a number of accomplished sporting students taking part in the ESAA Cup team sports. Each student competed in one track and one field event.

Great results from all involved - our Junior Girls' and Boys' teams (Years 7/8) finished a creditable $7^{\text {th }}$. The Inter Girls finished $8^{\text {th }}$ overall. Individually there were some very strong performances including Brogan with a $2^{\text {nd }}$ place finish in 100 m , Sofia $2^{\text {nd }}$ place in 300 m and Ava overall $3^{\text {rd }}$ in 80 m Hurdles.

Dylan and Wyn won the 200m and Jack started off the relay superbly for the team first place, finishing the day with a resounding overall win by 20 metres!

(Pictured: Junior Team)

(Pictured: Boys' Team)

Junior Team:
Macey Yazdi
Tia Mattingley
Shana Yanou Sofia Blake Tilly Adaway Sadie Huddleston Sian Tucker Phoebe Forward Grace Gibson Leah Harris Lily Gibson Emily Dutton Levi Woodward

Inter Team:
Freya Wilson Maya Ciesielska Bella Powell Abby Jones Amelia Gillbert Freya Willcock Florence Checkley Daisy Hellings Ava Neeves Martha Garner Hannah Britton Brogan McCafferty

Boys' Team:
Ed Lemon Dylan Naylor Louie Seamon Joshua Keene Marcos Seris Callum Bleazard Wyn Wheller Parr Tim Golding Harry Holbrook Charlie Shervell Jack Britton

BERKSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS READING SUNDAY $12{ }^{\text {TH }}$ MAY

| Student | Yr | Age <br> Group | Event | Position |
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| Sammy March | 12 | U 20 | 800 m | $3^{\text {rd }}$ |
| Adam Gambrill | 12 | U 20 | 1500 m | $2^{\text {nd }}$ |
| Ben Reynolds | 11 | U 17 | 1500 m | $3^{\text {rd }}$ |
| Edwin Isted | 9 | U 15 | 800 m | $3^{\text {rd }}$ |
| Nick <br> Holdsworth | 9 | U 15 | 800 m | $7^{\text {th }}$ |
| Charlie <br> Shervell | 8 | $\mathrm{U15}$ | 800 m <br> Shot Putt | $9^{\text {th }}$ <br> 4 th |
| Frank McGrath | 9 | $\mathrm{U15}$ | 1500 m | $2^{\text {nd }}$ |
| Jack Staunton | 9 | $\mathrm{U15}$ | Pole Vault <br> 300 m | $1^{\text {st }}$ |
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Great results from all athletes, many of whom smashed their previous PB's and who come from a number of clubs including WSEH AC, Maidenhead AC and Cookham RC. Jack Staunton (Year 9) won a Gold medal and broke his personal best with a 2.8 m clearance in the U15s pole - well done.

(Pictured: Jack Staunton)

## BERKSHIRE HOCKEY CLUB



Congratulations to Lucy Thornton (Year 12), who was awarded the U17 Girls' 'Player of the Year' trophy for her performance and commitment to Berkshire Hockey by Berkshire Hockey Club.

## MAIDENHEAD HOCKEY CLUB



Congratulations also to Amber Hemsley (Year 11) who was named 'Development Coaches' Player’ - for leading by example, her solid work in defence and scoring an amazing goal off a short when challenged to go up front.


On their penultimate day of full time school a number of our Year 13 boys challenged each other to a football match. Our Head Boy Adam Simmonds' team won 5-4 and the match was refereed by James Dunning.

Parr XI: Lee Strong, Nasir Parvez, Jamie Wilson, Ben Fortuin, Ares Garafino, Goerge Buckley, Josh Drye, Charlie Parr, Tom Newlyn, Bilal Butt, Henry Wadsworth, Jamie Aird, Aaman Butt

Simmo XI: Ollie Humphreys, Ben Seddon, Adam Simmonds, Tom Doarks, Branko Borkovic, Ollie Isted, Sonny Lewis, Ben Gray, Max Yuill, Freddie Yuill, Ted Salter, Alex Norris, Ryan King

## REQUEST FROM FOOD AND NUTRITION

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## WANTED: PASTA MACHINES

If you have in a fit of enthusiasm bought a pasta machine but never use it or no longer want it filling your kitchen cupboards, would you be willing to donate it to Food and Nutrition? We would be really grateful, as we would love some of the KS3 students to have a go at making pasta and need 15 plus pasta machines.

If you think you can help, please bring to Main Reception or Food Tech.

We are always happy to receive other kitchen equipment or crockery that you would like to donate. What we don't use we will donate to charity.

Thank you.

## GREENPOWER CLUB

The GreenPower group have made amazing progress in recent weeks! After bolting together the main section of the chassis the group have made great progress fixing all the other sections of the car.


As it stands the group only have the electrics, safety padding and the main body work to fix to the car.

After this they will be vigorously testing the car, ensuring it is race worthy and ready to bring back Gold! We would all like to thank our PTFA again for their funding, allowing this amazing club project to be revived.

The GreenPower Team

REMINDERS

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## BREAKS AND EXAM SCHEDULE

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 $13^{\text {th }}$ May until Friday $14^{\text {th }}$ June, Break 2 will be moving to 12.45 pm 1.15 pm for the whole school.

FPSS PUBLIC EXAMS HANDBOOK

## 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.

## 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 hole into a world of


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## LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION -

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY (CONT.)
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.


PGL $\frac{\text { YEAR }}{7}$
PGL GROUP 1 (BISHAM, COOKHAM, ETON AND MARLOW)
$24^{\text {TH }}-26^{\text {TH }}$ 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

## 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.

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.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

## ASSESSOR REPORTS, CERTIFICATES AND FEEDBACK (CONT.)

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

SIXTH FORM PREMIUM MEAL DEAL
 Brie \& Bacon, Water PLUS Tuna Florentine a Piece of Fruit or Ham Cheese OR Mini Flapjack


SIXTH FORM PREMIUM MEAL DEAL ORDER FORM

## BERKSHIRE HEALTHCARE NHS <br> FOUNDATION TRUST <br> IMMUNISATION TEAM SURVEY

Please find below a link to an electronic survey asking for families' feedback from the delivery of the Tetanus/ Diphtheria/Polio, Meningitis ACWY and Targeted MMR Year 9 immunisations in the Spring Term 2019.

## PLEASE CLICK HERE TO START THE SURVEY

The closing date for the surveys is Thursday $23^{\text {rd }}$ May 2019. Thank you in advance for your time and support.

## GOLD AND PB IN SOUTH WEST REGIONAL DIVING SKILLS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Harry Healey (Year 10) who has again been victorious with a Gold medal and a new PB after trying two new dives as a gamble which paid off handsomely. Great result and a brave decision!


## OFFER FROM JESSOPS PHOTOS

Families of students at Furze Platt can take advantage of Jessops Photos' latest offer. There is a $30 \%$ discounted offer off the regular price of $£ 9.95$ on their passport photo service.
(Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers.)

## THANK YOU

We have received a lovely letter from the Deputy Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead about the kindness of our students. Thank you to the students involved for being such good citizens.
"I attended an event at St Marks Care Home yesterday afternoon and I was delighted to see students from your school helping out. It was lovely to see the youngsters being part of the special event and I'm sure they will have learnt from the experience as well as it being good for the residents and staff too. It is always nice when the generations can mix and spend time together. Please do pass my congratulations to all the students and teachers involved.


Yours sincerely
Colin Rayner
Deputy Mayor"


## 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

24 different garden features qualify!

Launches 29th March | Closes 31st July

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

# OPEN DAY 

## Saturday $18{ }^{\text {th }}$ 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 6 yrs) - 11.00 to 12.00
Wildcats (Girls) football - 12:00 to 13:00

## For details call us on 01628528110 (answerphone service)



