

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

Open Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who shared news of our Open Evening with friends and relatives. As ever, we were very busy with future students keen to look around our school. Our current students were fantastic ambassadors touring families as well as participating in subject-based activities. I would like to pass on my thanks to all students who supported our Open Evening. Their efforts were much appreciated.



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Biology Field Trip

I would also like to wish our A Level Biologists the best of luck as they depart for their fieldtrip to Nettlecombe this weekend. I hope that they have a very productive few days.

INSET Day

Finally, I hope that you and your families enjoyed a day off from school today due to our INSET Day. Our teachers spent the day on appraisals and planning for the rest of this academic year.

Dr A Morrison (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Next Week (Week 2)

SUN 6 - WED 9 OCTOBER	Year 13 - Nettlecombe Biology Trip	
MON 7 - FRI 11 OCTOBER	Learning Walk Week 1	
TUE 8 OCTOBER	Year 9 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
	Year 10 - Preparing to Succeed Evening	7.30pm - 8.30pm
THU 10 OCTOBER	Year 7 - Head of House/Parents' Consultation Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
	(Booking details will be sent out next week)	

Forthcoming Events

THU 24 OCTOBER	Year 11 - Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 25 OCTOBER	End of Term 1	3.15pm finish
MON 28 - FRI 1 OCTOBER - NOVEMBER	Half Term Holidays	
MON 4 NOVEMBER	Start of Term 2 (Week 1)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20



FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL ARE IN THE LIMELIGHT!



We are excited to announce that we have launched a crowdfunding appeal to raise the final funds needed towards the installation of equipment into our new main hall building – The New Hall Theatre.

The PTFA are supporting The New Hall Theatre campaign which will provide enhanced opportunities for students in the performing arts, music and public speaking as well as offering a teaching arena for stage management and all levels of production. It promises to be a flexible space for assemblies, open evenings, productions, lectures and PE activities, plus a major community asset available for hire to local arts and theatre societies, orchestras and schools.

We believe this multi-use space would be a fantastic addition to our wonderful school so we really hope that you can get behind the project and help us to raise the necessary £34,000 to make it happen!

Our crowdfunding page has a lot more information about the project and makes it simple for you to make a donation. We can also collect Gift Aid boosting eligible donations by 25%!

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Please take a look and donate but also share news of the appeal with your family and friends and even local businesses and other local organisations who might be able to help. If you know of businesses who can be approached for a donation, please contact Mrs Lynne Moore, Head of Operations, who is coordinating the campaign (lynne.moore@furzeplatt.net).

As a thank you for making larger voluntary donations, the school and PTFA have designed a 'Patron' reward scheme. Rewards range from a 'Thank you' mention in the

opening event program (£50), a VIP invitation to the opening event with champagne reception (£200), right through to Theatre sponsorship for businesses (£5000).

We have raised well over £1000 since we launched the campaign earlier this week – a huge thank you to everyone who has donated already but we have a long way to go to reach our target, so please do help if you can.

Thank you.



Pictured, students and Dr Morrison with Joshua Reynolds and Catherine del Campo, Lib Dem councillors who generously made the first donation to our crowdfunding scheme.

YEARS 9 AND 10 'PREPARING TO SUCCEED' EVENING



TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Year 9 – 6.30pm

Year 10 – 7.30pm

Next week sees our 'Preparing to Succeed' presentations for parents and students in Years 9 and 10. Both presentations will take place in the Main Hall.



YEAR 13 REPORTS

The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

[VIEW REPORT](#)



NON-UNIFORM DAY - FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

We will be holding a non-uniform (mufti) day on Friday 11th October in aid of Thames Hospice <https://thameshospice.org.uk/>

All students wishing to participate will be asked to contribute £2 to the charity. Students should give the money to their tutor in registration on Friday 11th October.

While students will be wearing their own clothes please be aware that we do expect them to dress appropriately. There should be no offensive slogans, crop tops, backless/halterneck tops or camisole style tops. Skirts/shorts should be of a suitable length to the knee and shoes or trainers (no flip flops or open back sandals) should be suitable for a day at school.

YEAR 12 DRAMA TRIPS

'Yerma'

We have managed to secure some tickets to go and see the examined set text, 'Yerma'. Students will begin studying this in January and so this is an excellent opportunity to see the performance realised ahead of this scheme of learning. This is at the Oxford Playhouse on Thursday 7th November, tickets will cost £6.50.

'The Lovely Bones'

We will be returning to the Oxford Playhouse the following week on Friday 15th November to see 'The Lovely Bones' based on the novel written by Alice Sebold.

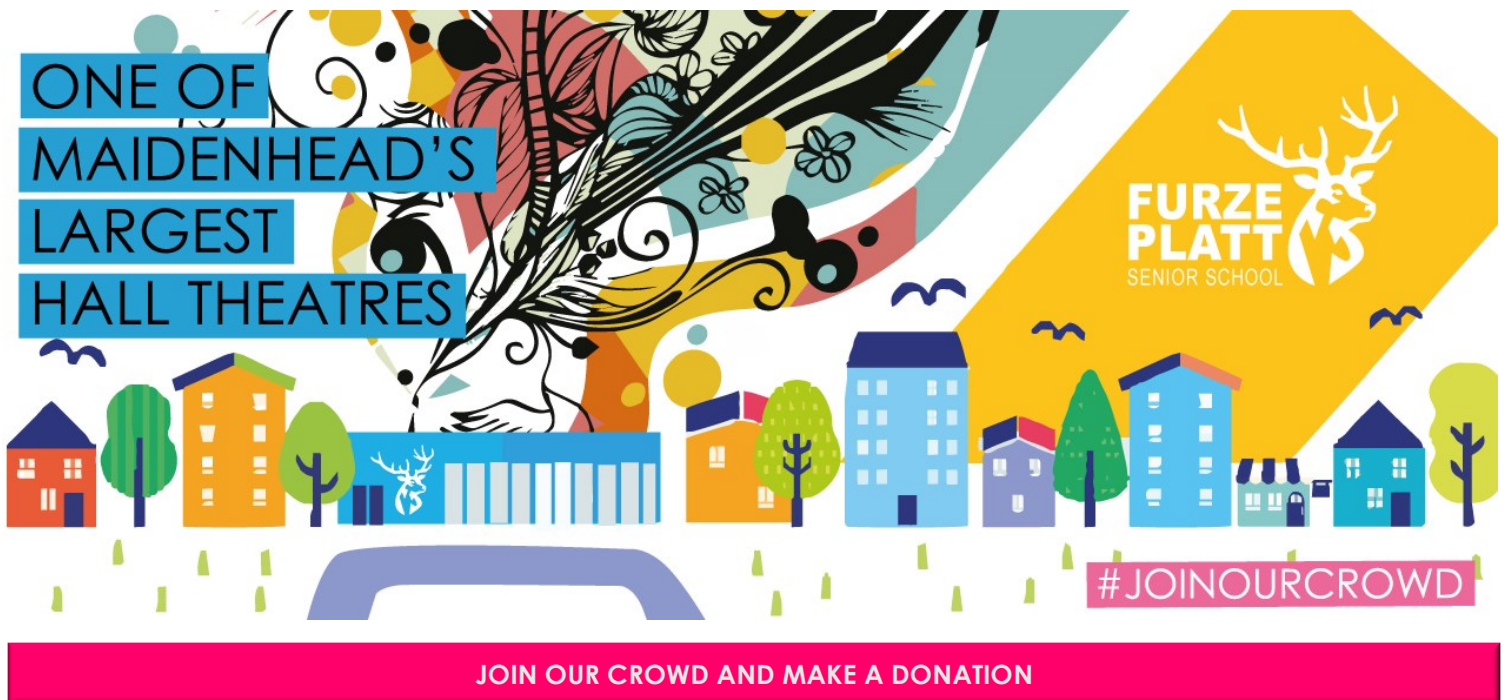
This will be analysed in lessons to prepare for your son/daughter's 'Live Theatre Production Seen' component of the written paper. Tickets will cost £21.

'I Think We Are Alone'

We also plan to see 'I Think We Are Alone' by Frantic Assembly on Wednesday 6th May 2020 at the Oxford Playhouse. Tickets will cost £21.

In order for all of the trips to go ahead we require a contribution of £48.50 (this covers the cost of the ticket and coach travel) for all three performances. This can be paid for on WisePay, and the deadline for each show is two weeks before the trip takes place. Please could you ensure you make your first payment by Friday 25th October 2019 for 'Yerma'. On the day of the trips students will need a change of appropriate clothes that are smart/casual and some money for a dinner in a restaurant.

Miss E. Satterthwaite, Drama Teacher

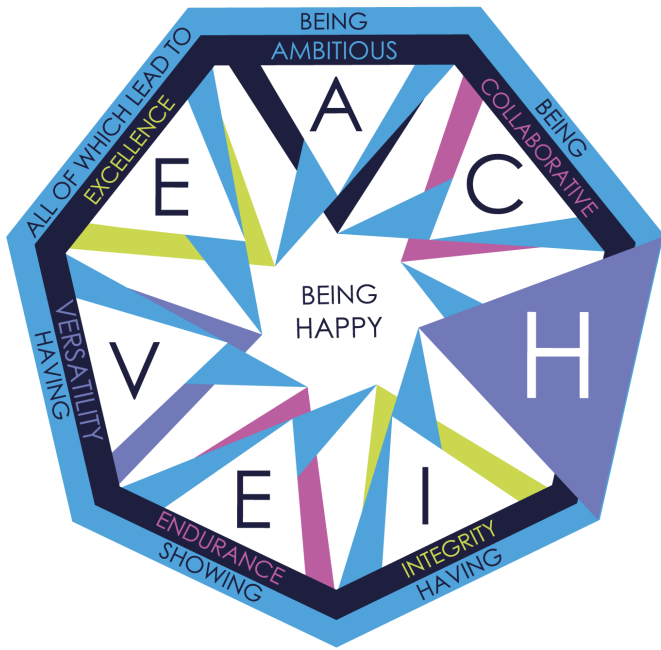


ONE OF MAIDENHEAD'S LARGEST HALL THEATRES

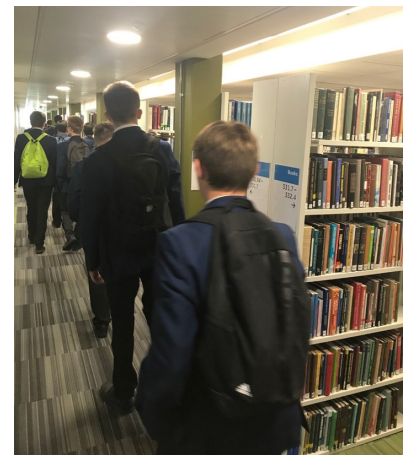
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the community was”, “social aspect sounds good - wide range”, “beautiful contrast between original and modern buildings” and the general feeling was that the talks and advice helped students make informed decisions about their future and gave them the motivation to work hard to get good GCSEs.



We saw two of our alumni on campus as well - H Lyall and L Tizniti, studying Law at Royal Holloway and Nursing at Surrey. Great to see them looking so well.



YEAR 11 UNIVERSITY VISITS



Over the past couple of weeks our current Year 11 students went to visit a range of universities to see what life was like. They visited Royal Holloway College, London; the University of Reading; and the University of Surrey. Amongst the activities on offer (and depending on which university they visited), students could take part in a finance and revision technique workshop as well as getting the opportunity to tour the campuses and enjoy amazing canteens.



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Our students were very positive about their experience. Comments included: “nice to see uni life and how diverse



GEOGRAPHY TRIP - BOX HILL

‘Thinking outside the Box Hill’ by Tom Lonsdale, Year 11

In the first few weeks of term, Furze Platt’s Year 11 students, myself included, participated in a Field trip in which all the Geography students visited Box Hill. Box Hill is a National trust area in Surrey, approximately 30 kilometres south west of London.

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This trip was in preparation for our GCSE Geography paper 3, which is fieldwork based. Our task was to answer our given hypothesis: 'Is Box Hill a sustainable community?'

On Wednesday the 18th September, it was my turn to visit. After an early 7.15am departure things were a little subdued to begin with, but after a 90 minute journey enthusiasm among the students improved.

We started straight away, meeting up with a representative of Box Hill who waited eagerly for our arrival. A welcoming introduction and a small warm up task later, we began the main part of our research, some surveys which we had to complete ourselves as well as asking members of the public for their opinions on the designated area.

One of our many activities was paying a visit to one of Box Hill's many breathtaking viewpoints. The sight of miles upon miles of countryside was extremely impressive.



Next, one of the volunteers lead us to another viewpoint, where we saw the cycling track that was used for the 2012 Olympics. After a quick lunch break and completing our surveys, we then went on a walk into the village just outside Box Hill. There, we observed the area's range of shops as well as deciding how sustainable it was, judging its social, economic and environmental factors. We were also asked to draw a quick sketch of the village hall, which was one of our stops on the walk. While none of us had the artistic skills of Van Gogh, it was a fun task none the less.

Once we had finished the walk, the coach was waiting for us, ready to take us home. In no time, we were back at school and we were ready to head home.

Overall it was a very fascinating trip and let's hope the experience we gained from it can improve our final GCSE grades!



LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT



FRENCH

Year 7: Elenia Reina, Albie East, Renee Mellor, Charlie Harris

Year 8: Jayden Taylor, Jack Britton

Year 9: Jade Winsor, Charlotte Barrons

Year 10: Bella Powell, Will Atkinson, Amelie Owen, Idris Riaz, Anya Clayton, Zulfiqar Subhani, Luis Neuheuser



GERMAN

Year 7: Mohammed Ali, Aled Crocombe

Year 8: Camilia Ionel

Year 9: Finnley Tanner, Lara Torok, Anna Gambrill, George Webb, Damir Bajohr

Year 10: Tegan Storey



SPANISH

Year 7: Weronica Sciegozc, Lizzie Johnstone

Year 8: Callum Lloyd

Year 9: Will Tarbit

Year 10: Hugo Hoffelner, Ben Parrott, Brogan McCafferty



YEAR 7 RUGBY

Great play by our Year 7 Rugby team, drawing 20-20 against Great Marlow School.

Man of the Match: Oli Myle

New Player of the Match: Charlie Hill

Our team:

Peter Nicholas
Charlie Hill
Mununga Mununga
Connor Taylor
Oli Myle
Dan Higley
Finlay Wright
Sam Cranch
Nikleesh Kumar
Jake Wilson
Bastian Correia
Chris Williams
Brayden Winsor
Jack Taylor



YEARS 9 AND 11 CONSTRUCTION



Our Years 9 & 11 Construction class are volunteering at St Marks Care Home for their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Pictured is James Tapponnier (Year 9) supporting the residents during a game of bingo.



BAKE SALE NEWS

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD GIRL AND HEAD BOY

Thank you so much to those who attended the bake sale that we held on last Friday and in particular those who donated. We were overwhelmed with the generosity people showed us!

Thanks to donations we managed to raise £252.53! With half of the proceeds going towards Macmillan's, this is absolutely something to be proud of.

As for the Teacher Cake Competition - to those who participated, you all completely crushed it and we LOVED trying all of your amazing bakes! However, we have decided that the winner is Ms Hawkins with her amazing cupcakes and our runner up is Miss Pound! Ms Hawkins' amazing cupcakes were so sensational that the entire batch was bought by a member of staff to use at their son's birthday party! Congratulations!!



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Debbie Horsfall, Catering Manager on 07803796346

FURZE PLATT STUDENT IS RANKED 8TH U15 BOYS' POLE VAULTER IN UK

Many congratulations to Jack Staunton (Year 10), who vaulted an amazing 3.20m in a recent competition to go to 8th = on the national UK rankings for U15 Boys. A fantastic achievement.

NORTH WEST LONDON XC U15 BOYS' WINNER

Well done also to Frank McGrath (Year 10) who finished first in the North West London Cross Country League held in Horsenden Hill.



FURZE PLATT STAFF RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

Best of luck to Mrs Stillman and Mr Wilson, both of whom are aiming to complete the Maidenhead Boundary Walk to raise money with Ivy's Gifts for Oxford Hospitals Charity.



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NEWS FROM NOAH'S ARK PRE-SCHOOL

Noah's Ark Pre-School in Cookham Dean will be closing its doors for the final time on 25th October 2019 after over 40 years in the village. Some of our students will have attended Noah's Ark when they were pre-schoolers over the last 40 years!

To read more, please click the link below.

[READ NEWS ARTICLE](#)

STUDENTS VISITING PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We have been asked to advise students who may be intending to visit their previous local primary schools to please let the schools know in advance so they can make appropriate arrangements. Thank you.



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

This information is for students choosing to complete the programme as an extra curricular activity.

Students can collect their badges and certificates from Miss Carty during break times in the portacabin.

Important Dates for your Diary

BXM Expeditions meeting for parents - Tuesday 3rd December, 6pm, in the Main Hall at Furze Platt Senior School. Attendance is mandatory.

BXM Expeditions one-day training for Bronze, Silver & Gold participants - Thursday 19th March 2020 at Furze Platt Senior School. Attendance is mandatory.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS CONT.

Expedition Dates - students must be available to attend:

Bronze

Practice - Friday 12th & Saturday 13th June 2020

Assessment - Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th July 2020

Silver

Practice - Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th April 2020

Assessment - Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th May 2020

Gold

Practice - Tuesday 14th - Saturday 18th April 2020

Assessment - Monday 25th - Friday 29th May 2020

Section Deadlines

3 month - Monday 24th February 2020

6 month - Monday 1st June 2020

12 months - November 2020

18 months - May 2021

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS (CONT.)

To enrol

Applicants need to fill out the application and medical forms below, along with their deposits to be enrolled onto the programme. This can also be accessed on WisePay.

APPLICATION FORM

MEDICAL FORM

Costs (all final balances to be paid by Friday 13th December)

Bronze

Full cost - £200

Deposit - £75

Silver

Full cost - £300

Deposit - £105

Gold

Full cost £450

Deposit - £170 (can be made in instalments)



COMING YOUR WAY SOON!

OCTOBER
National Curry Week &
Food Safari: Korean

YEAR
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YEAR 11 SUPPORTING LEARNING EVENING

For those who were unable to attend this session, please see links below for a letter with important information and dates, as well as a copy of the informative presentation.

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BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB
The Sports Hall, New Road, Bourne End SL8 5BW

OPEN DAY

Sunday 13th October 2019

2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

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.

For details call us on
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PTFA BIG QUIZ 9

Friday
15th November 2019
7.30pm
Furze Platt Senior School

£15 a ticket / £6 Per Table

SkoolDaze Theme - Fancy Dress
Team Challenges - Raffle - 200 Club

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