

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

New English and Science Block

Watching students reacting to our new English and Science block has been terrific this week. Several parents and carers have let me know that the buzz of excitement in school has been shared back at home and I am delighted at the impact the new block has already made. It is fantastic to have such wonderful facilities and I can see the positive attitude of students to studying in the new classrooms. You can see our young people visibly lift as they study in the new areas.



Beyond the block the new space has also given us the chance to join History and Geography together in the old English block and create greater connections between the two subjects.

I look forward to parents and carers having the chance to explore the new block in the weeks to come.

Funding Misunderstandings

I have had several parents draw my attention to an article in the Maidenhead Advertiser a couple of weeks ago which suggested that Furze Platt Senior School was going to benefit from an extra £5.38 million.

This would be delightful if it were true.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

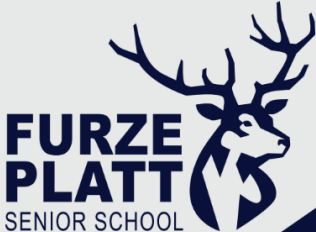
Next Week (Week 2)

THU 14 NOVEMBER	Year 13 Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.30pm - 6.30pm
FRI 15 NOVEMBER	PTFA QUIZ NIGHT - BOOK TICKETS	7.30pm
	Year 12 Drama 'The Lovely Bones' (filmings as per letter)	8.40am - 3.15pm
FRI 15 - FRI 22 NOVEMBER	Year 11 Pre Public Examinations	

Forthcoming Events

MON 25 NOVEMBER	Microsoft DigiGirلز (by invitation)	8.15am - 4.30pm
WED 27 NOVEMBER	Sixth Form Open Evening	6pm
	Year 13 - Computer Science in ACTION	8.15am - 3.30pm
THU 28 NOVEMBER	Late School Start	9.10am
THU 29 NOVEMBER	Hazards Conference (Years 12/13 Geography)	
	Muffi Day (in aid of Helen and Douglas House)	

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20 & 2020/21



**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL

**SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING 2019**

Wednesday 27th November

'A FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE'

**A-LEVEL RESULTS
2019**

97% PASS RATE

26%
OF GRADES
ARE ~
A*-A

53%
OF GRADES
ARE ~
A*-B

80%
OF GRADES
ARE ~
A*-C

Unfortunately, the Advertiser quoted the total amount we are likely to receive in 2020/2021 which is £5,384,860. This figure does represent an increase but a far lower one of around £300,000. In part, this is due to an increase in promised extra government funding. However, it also reflects our increased numbers as we expand.

Parents and carers will be familiar with the national campaign to get fairer funding for school and it is good that schools will be receiving an increase. However, as the Institute for Fiscal Studies has indicated the increases should reverse some of the recent cuts and restore schools to pre-austerity levels (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-49515002>). At Furze Platt Senior School this will mean that we will be able to limit the impact of previous funding cuts as we aim to achieve excellent education for our young people.

Important Messages

Last week our Sixth Form students attended 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' that promotes road safety. This coming week Year 8 will be watching a play around County Lines. Both offer our students important messages about how to be safe in our community which I hope have resulted in some thoughtful conversations at home.

Year 11 PPEs

Finally, a reminder that the written Year 11 PPEs start on Monday 18th November. Good luck to our artists who start things off with their practical PPE next Friday 15th November.

YEAR 11 REVISION SKILLS

Dr Andrew J Morrison (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)
Headteacher



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER



Dear Year 11 students,

I am delighted to be able to invite you to the Furze Platt Sixth Form Open Evening 2019!

The evening is designed to give you a clear understanding of what is available to you here when you finish your GCSE courses in the summer.

We are very proud of our Sixth Form and its record of high achievement and would like to help you make the excellent choice of joining the Sixth Form in 2020 to continue your successful education at post-16. The evening will provide you with the information you need to make informed choices when selecting your courses.

You will need to arrive at 6.20pm, as the presentation in the Main Hall will start promptly at 6.30pm.

The new prospectuses will be available on the evening for you to browse and take away.

The programme for the evening is outlined below. The main presentation will be followed by the possibility of attending up to **FIVE** talks on various A-Levels and Level 3 Applied courses.

6.30pm – 6.50pm Main Presentation in the Main Hall with introductory talks from:

- Gemma Higley, Daniel Juden, Hollie O'Neill, Daniel Brant (Student Senior Leadership Team) - Welcome.
- Mr P Ging, Head of Sixth Form and Dr A Morrison, Headteacher – The Admissions Process; The Curriculum; Induction; Tutorial Programme; Academic Monitoring/Reporting; Preparation for Careers and Higher Education.

7.00pm – 9.00pm Subject presentations for each course will be available at the following times:

7.00pm – 7.20pm
7.25pm – 7.45pm
7.50pm – 8.10pm
8.15pm – 8.35pm
8.40pm – 9.00pm

These presentations are designed to give you a deeper understanding of subject content and delivery and will allow you to ask questions of subject specialists who teach courses here at Furze Platt Sixth Form. The subject presentations will be the same so you need only attend one for each subject you are interested in during the evening.

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We do recommend you see five subjects, even though you will only pick three subjects as standard (in rare cases, some students may complete four A-Levels) as we are eager for you to be as fully prepared and enthused as possible with the options available to you in Sixth Form.

I do hope to see all of you on the 27th and I look forward to speaking to you further about the exciting prospect of post-16 study.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Ging

Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form



EARLY BREAK 2 MONDAY 18TH – FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

In order to accommodate the Year 11 Pre Public Exams (PPE) our Break 2 will run an hour earlier than usual for the week of the 18th-22nd November. For all students, Break 2 will therefore be from 12.45 -1.15pm with P5 moving back to 1.15pm – 2.15pm. The rest of the day will run as normal.




EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS FOR STUDENTS

We are delighted to be able to offer a huge range of clubs to our students, some for individual year groups and some for all those who are interested. Our Year 7 students have a range of clubs especially to help them make friends and enjoy new challenges or activities at this early stage of their life at Furze Platt.

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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER



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YEAR 7 DISCO

A reminder that tonight's disco has been postponed and full details on the updated date and time will be sent out to parents shortly. '



STUDENT PASTORAL MANAGERS

At Furze Platt Senior School staff seek to respond to communications within two working days. Should a matter require longer to resolve we will acknowledge your email and reply in more depth thereafter. If your issue is urgent (for example affecting the health and safety of a student) please telephone the Student Pastoral Manager for your child's House.

Mrs J Barney: Cookham & Windsor

Mrs M Carpenter: Bray & Henley

Miss S Gumbs: Bisham & Eton

Mrs B Harper: Dorney & Marlow



YEAR 12 PSYCHOLOGY / CRIMINOLOGY TRIP TO LONDON

MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

Dear Parent/Carer

As your son/daughter is studying Psychology or Criminology this academic year, we are planning an educational visit to a Criminology conference in London. During this visit, students will learn about explanations for criminal behaviour, offender profiling, miscarriages of justice and eye-witness testimony, the realities of imprisonment, and will include talks by ex-offenders, police officers and academic

researchers. This will help them in their lessons by giving them insight into areas of both the Criminology and Forensic Psychology exam specifications.

In order for this to go ahead we require a contribution of £45 which will include the coach travel and the entrance fee. The visit is not compulsory, however we feel that it would benefit your son/daughter if they attended.

We plan to go by coach, leaving the school at 8:45am sharp (so students need to be by the coach at 8:30am) and we estimate we shall arrive back at the school at around 5:30pm.

Payments and permissions can be given via your son/daughter's WisePay account but to ensure their place this must be **before Thursday 28th November**.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Marris and Ms R Paradowska

Department of Criminology and Psychology

Wilson's Criminology & Policing Conference

For students studying Criminology, Law, Sociology, and Psychology
Organised by Southwest Conferences Ltd.

David Wilson will compare the day.
And will present a talk on **Offender profiling**

A look at offender profiling from its original FBI beginnings through to Investigative Psychology. The talk will use a case study approach by discussing the Ipswich serial murders in 2006.
There will be an opportunity for questions at the end.

Professor David Wilson is one of the country's leading criminologists and the author of many books, such as *A history of British serial killing (Sphere)*. He presented the award-winning *Interview with a murderer* for Channel 4 and *Jack the Ripper – The Case reopened* for BBC. He is a National Teaching Fellow.

We have an amazing line up of experts in the field!

Elizabeth Yardley is a Professor of Criminology and Director of the Centre for Applied Criminology, Birmingham City University. Her research focuses on homicide and violence.
Making a murderer Using the case of spree killer Joanne Dennehy, who murdered three men and tried to kill two others in 2013, Professor Yardley will look at explanations for offender behaviour, including biological, psychological and sociological approaches. Was Joanne Dennehy 'born bad'? If not, what factors contributed to her decision to kill?

Graham Pike is Professor of Forensic Cognition at The Open University and Director of Research for the Centre for Policing Research and Learning. He has worked with more than 25 police forces to improve evidence-based practice in relation to witness evidence and visual identification procedures.
Exploring miscarriages of justice What happens when the criminal justice system goes wrong? In this talk we will explore the reasons why innocent people are sent to prison, look at cases of wrongful convictions and test the eyewitness powers of the audience.

James Treadwell is Professor in Criminology at Staffordshire University. He worked as a Probation Officer and Youth Offending team officer, before moving into academia. His recent work concerns studying crime and violence in prison custody, and producing books including *'50 facts everyone should know about crime and punishment in Britain: The truth behind the Myths* (Sage).

The myth and realities of prisons While prisons are often the focus of media reporting and representation, the realities of contemporary imprisonment in England and Wales are often not well discussed. Drawing on Professor Treadwell's research in Prisons, this talk will consider the place, role, function and realities of prison in England and Wales today, and how criminologists seek to understand and make sense of imprisonment.

Jackie Malton Ex Detective Chief Inspector Metropolitan Police and role model for award winning series *Prime Suspect*. Jackie joined the police service in 1970 and served most of her service in the Criminal Investigation Department. Since leaving the Police Service, Jackie has been employed working as a story consultant on many of the major police dramas seen on TV screens, including *The Level*.

A personal journey into policing Jackie describes her personal experience of policing from the 70's into the 21st Century.

David Wilson talking with (ex) offender Noel 'Razor' Smith
In this inter-active session, David will be in discussion with Noel, once Britain's most prolific bank robber who has spent much of his life in and out of prisons. Noel will discuss his journey into crime and how the pioneering work at HMP Grendon helped him to change the direction. Now an author and a journalist for the national prison newspaper *Inside Time*, Noel has been clinically diagnosed as a 'psychopath'. How has that label had an impact on his life and career?

London
Monday 3 February 2020
Emmanuel Centre,
Marshall Street,
SW1P 3DW

Manchester
Tuesday 4 February 2020
Royal Northern College
of Music, 124 Oxford
Road, M13 9RD

Time 10.30-4pm
Tickets £22.50+VAT
One member of staff
free for every 10
students.

Booking
Send details of

- Selected venue.
- Your name, school's name, postal address, contact telephone number.
- Number of tickets required for students and for teachers.

To:
cara.flanagan@btpenworld.com
Tel: 07710 534418 / 01863 766242

Payment
No deposits to reserve places but to guarantee reservation payment must be made in full before Christmas.
No refunds.

YEAR 12 POLITICS TRIP TO LONDON



IMPORTANT NEWS

As MPs will now be otherwise engaged in the run up to December's General Election, unfortunately we have just received notice this trip has been cancelled.



MICROSOFT TRIP

Students had a great time at Microsoft's amazing offices this week with Mr Fido and Mrs Feather. Many thanks to all concerned.



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%!

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 over £2500 since we launched the campaign – 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. Just £20 per student would raise the remaining money for a top class theatre!

Thank you.

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YEAR 11 CHILD DEVELOPMENT

At Furze Platt, we try to provide our students with a hands-on experience whenever possible. In our recent Child Development lesson in Year 11, students learnt how to prepare a bottle feeding for a newborn. Bottle meals, changing nappies and contraceptive methods use are just some examples of the necessary life lessons students get to know within Child Development.

Pictured: Shannon McBride (Year 11)



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS – BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD

We are delighted to let you know that Bronze, Silver and Gold participants have now been enrolled on the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. Hopefully you have received the Confirmation pack that was emailed this week.

I would be grateful if you could encourage your child to log

this information onto EDofE as soon as possible. Activities can be backdated to early September. Please contact us if your child needs support finding something to do.

Welcome packs will then be posted to their home address. The DofE now have an app for participants to download on phones and tablets. This app is user friendly and a much easier way to enter information and upload evidence.

We enjoyed meeting the new Gold participants and hearing about their chosen activities.

For those working towards Silver, your log in details should be the same. Please let me know if you need your user name, but please click the 'Forgot my Password' button for a link to be sent to your school email address if you need your password resetting. There will be a meeting during Break 1 in IT3 for Silver participants on Monday 11th November.

For those starting Bronze, the log in details were placed in their tutor trays today. If this is not there, please ask your child to see me on Monday. There should be a sticker attached for them to record their login details and keep it in their planners.

Arrangements will be made for your child to meet me, or one of our student Ambassadors regularly, however they know that I am available by email or during lunch times if they need support.

We tend to send emails, providing information about the award, therefore I would be grateful if you and your child can check regularly to keep updated.

Please see below a link to our website. You can find a wealth of information to help you support your child.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH WEBPAGE

Below is a link to the DofE page on YouTube where you can access some training videos to complete EDofE, if needed.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING VIDEOS

Please can I remind you that we will be having an Expedition Information Evening, hosted by BXM on Tuesday 3rd December. Attendance for this is mandatory.

I very much look forward to working with your child on their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Please feel free to contact us on dofe@furzeplatt.net if you have any questions.

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager

YEAR 9 - DUKE OF EDINBURGH SKILLS

Separating an egg may be an obvious skill for adults but some of our students have found it quite tricky this week while cooking the Italian delicacy, penne a la carbonara. Did you know it only takes six ingredients and less than half an hour to make this wonderful dish? – our students know now! Cooking is a great skill to learn and it counts as one of the four sections needed to achieve the DofE Bronze award. Well done to all students today and thank you to Mrs Robbins for preparing the workshops for us.



Pictured: Callum King (Construction class) and Amelia Hadley (Child Development class) proudly presenting their meals.

YEARS 7 AND 8 RUGBY TEAMS

Pictured from their successes before the half term. Well done to all the boys, they were a credit to the school even in the wet weather!



Year 7 Team

Oli Myall ©
Louie Prestipino
Dan Higley
Peter Nicholas
Charlie Hill
Alfie Hawkins
Bastian Correia
Jon Sanchez
Fin Wright
Hassan Ajaib
Brayden Winsor
Jake Wilson
Sam Cranch
Fin Hayward
Mununga Mununga
Chris Williams



Year 8 Team

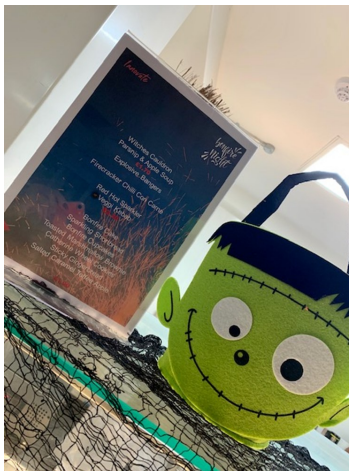
Connor Webb
Lucas Norton
Sam Bryant
Charlie Jelffs
Jayden Taylor
Ryan Hughes
Dominic Sell
Tristan Sell
Nicolai Harrit
Jake Coomes
JJ Harris
Jowen Horner
Fin Robinson
Lennon Moore
Rashaad Derby
Dylan Williams-Lock





DELICIOUS HALLOWEEN TREATS FROM OUR CAFÉ

Our café staff offered a range of amazing Bonfire Night / Halloween treats this week. They always make such an effort to decorate and present the food – especially on special occasions – and it looked amazing.



THANK YOU TO OUR FANTASTIC STUDENTS



The site team would like to extend their thanks to the seven members of our Sixth Form that were willing to come in and help over half term, in relocation of departments into the our brand new teaching block. They worked tirelessly though the week so that both teachers and students could enjoy the final project on the first day back.



DRONE FOOTAGE OF NEW ENGLISH/SCIENCE BUILDING ON FACEBOOK



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Parents, Teachers
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PTFA & LOGO

A) The answers to the questions from our newsletter of 25th October:

1) Jaffa cake is a cake not a biscuit (when stale it goes hard and not soft) as was determined at a VAT tribunal in 1991

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2) The Picture Heads = Rebecca Adlington & Matt Dawson

B) The 200 Club - there's still time to join the Club and be included in the next Friday's draw during the Quiz.

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

BIG QUIZ 9: Please note, bookings can be made up until 3pm on Thurs 14th November.



CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS FOR BIG QUIZ 9

FITNESS CLUB

Every Wednesday, Mr Djaelani (Head of Dorney House) takes a number of students through workout and fitness sessions before school. He has won five World Kickboxing Championships U80kg and is now a CrossFit enthusiast so our students are getting a top workout!

Pictured: an exhausted Josh Woodhatch (Year 9) after Fitness Club this week



FURZE PLATT ALUMNI WINS £5000 PRIZE

We were delighted to hear this week that one of our alumna, Vicky Newbery (25), had won first prize in the UK's largest gaming competition held at London's ExCeL, based on coscrafting (constructing costumes).

Vicky, who goes under her alter ego Toya Jax whilst in character, appeared as Gaige from the hugely popular Borderlands video game. She has been coscrafting for around seven years and spends a significant number of hours per week making her costumes.

You can see more of Vicky's outfits via her Instagram account: www.instagram.com/toyajax/

Vicky studied Maths, Art, Psychology and Chemistry during her time at Furze Platt Senior School and says she believes that solving problems in creative ways is really important as for her, "that's what makes constructing costumes (coscrafting) really fun and rewarding".

Well done to her for her amazing award (and costumes!).



Picture courtesy of the Maidenhead Advertiser.



FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL ARE IN THE LIMELIGHT!



The PTFA believe that a creative mind and imagination help to develop emotional intelligence, language and communication skills so we're excited to be getting behind the school's New Hall Theatre campaign.

The school is benefiting from a New Main Hall as part of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead expansion project and with the support of Governors the school will be creating a brand new theatre.

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Our New Hall Theatre will be transformed into a multi-use space which can be converted from its daily use for assemblies etc., to a state-of-the-art theatre facility. Whilst governors have provided the majority of funding towards the equipment, the PTFA have been asked to raise the final £34,000 to create the high quality performance space that will provide maximum benefit to our students and community.

Please support us by making a donation through our campaign page.
This allows us to collect gift aid, boosting your support by 25%!



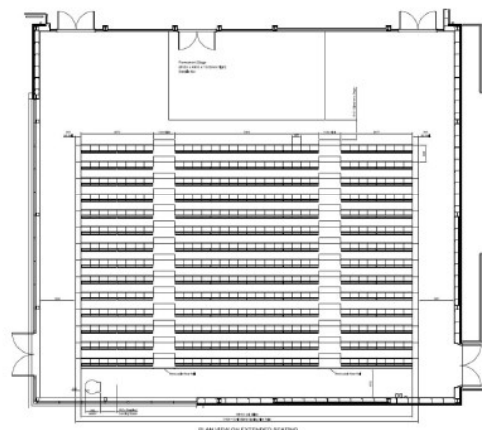
We believe this would be a fantastic addition to our wonderful school so we really hope that you can get behind the project and help us to raise the necessary £34,000 to make it happen!

Further information about the campaign can be found in the New Hall Theatre Details document which you can download from the campaign page.

To make a donation, please use the DONATE button on the campaign page.
Thank you for your support!

HELP US RAISE **£34,000**
THROUGH OUR
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CAMPAIGN

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Parent Support Groups



Charity Number 1177138

Support Groups Options

Group 1- This group will run on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month 9.30am- 10.45am

Group 2- This group will run on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month 11.00am – 12.15am

Groups 1 and 2 run at: 4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead SL6 7YR

Group 3- This group will run on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month 1.15pm-2.30pm

Group 3 runs at: St Peter's Church, St Peter's Road, Maidenhead SL6 7QU

The support groups aim to provide a free, confidential, respectful environment for parents to be heard and supported with compassion and sensitivity.

The following are all integrated in to the work we do to help parents feel they are not alone:

Family/relationship breakdown; Mental health issues of both parents and young people; Impact of disability on family; Living in poverty/disadvantaged families; School refusal/Unhappy at school; Involvement with Social Care

If you would like to enquire or attend a support group, please contact the agency in the first instance for more details: Anne.Lang@wmcounselling.com

If you cannot attend a group but would like support, please visit our website for further information.

<https://number22.org/info-for-parents/>

Number 22 Counselling Services

4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead

SL6 7YR

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