

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents/Carers

Interviews for Our Sixth Form

We are in the middle of interviewing our internal Year 11 students for places in our Sixth Form and shortly will begin to meet external applicants. I would like to share with parents and carers how impressive your children have been and thank you for your part in preparing students during the application and interview process.



Students' applications have been well written, giving an insight into their strengths, passions and motivations. Their writing offers has helped me learn far more about our Year 11 and what motivates them. At the beginning of the interviews, it has been noticeable how nervous students are, even those who normally appear so confident. Students are clearly keen to succeed and join our successful FPSS Sixth Form and this wish has been evident as they answer questions.

Finally, part of the interview has been identified what students need to do between now and the summer to get those good GCSE grades. It has been positive to hear that students have begun their revision and are prioritising key subjects and topics over the next few months.

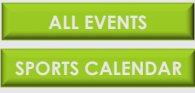
Year 13 PPEs

Congratulations to all our Year 13 students who worked hard for their PPEs this week. I hope that their results evidence their revision.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS



Next Week (Week 1)

WED 29 JANUARY	Year 11 Photos
FRI 31 JANUARY	Years 11 and 12 Progress Reports

Forthcoming Events

MON 3 FEBRUARY	Year 12 Criminology & Psychology Trip (London)	8.30am - 5.45pm
FRI 7 FEBRUARY	Muffin Day - in aid of SportsAble	All Day
MON 10 - THU 13 FEBRUARY	Secondhand uniform / kit sale	2.15pm
THU 13 FEBRUARY	School Musical	
THU 13 FEBRUARY	Year 13 Progress Reports Published	
FRI 14 FEBRUARY	End of Term 3	3.15pm finish

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20 & 2020/21



WE OFFER

OVER 90

SCHOOL

CLUBS

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THEM ON OUR WEBSITE

YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHS WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2020



This will provide an opportunity for a whole year group photograph as well as opportunities for students to have friendship group photos taken on the day. Students will be required to be in full, correct uniform in order to be in the photograph.



YEAR 11 LEAVERS' HOODIES ORDER BY FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

These should be ordered via your child's WisePay account, indicating hoodie size and colour (plus nickname if required). Hoodies cost £25.00, are available in a range of sizes and colours and can be personalised with an acceptable nickname for an additional £5.00.

There is a size Medium hoodie in reception for your child to try on should they wish to.



2020 REVISION CENSUS

Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the next couple of weeks, Furze Platt is taking part in the 2020 Revision Census. This is a major piece of scientific research designed to measure how effectively school students are learning in their own time, in particular when revising for tests and exams.

Your child will be asked to complete a 10-minute online survey during Year 10 and Year 11 PSHE lessons or Sixth Form tutor time, which will include questions about:

- How they study and revise currently
- What they understand about effective ways to revise
- Their attitudes towards doing well in exams
- Demographic data such as their year group and ethnicity

No questions are compulsory, although we do encourage students to engage with the questionnaire as fully as possible, as a useful opportunity for your child to reflect on their approach to their studies today.

The responses from Furze Platt students will be combined with responses from 50+ other participating schools around the country in what is expected to be the largest study of its kind ever undertaken, and will be used for two primary purposes:

Advancing scientific understanding: the researchers intend to publish findings on the extent to which school students are using effective learning techniques, and what might be done to help accelerate the adoption of more effective revision techniques.

Furze Platt will receive average results for our own students, which we will use to inform efforts to improve the quality of independent learning among our students, helping them to achieve their potential in exams.

You can read the study's Data Policy at www.revisioncensus.com/datapolicy. Please direct any questions towards Mr J Dollery, Assistant Headteacher.



NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2020

We will be holding a non uniform Day in aid of the charity SportsAble on Friday 7th February. Students will be asked to contribute £2 via their tutor in registration. Tickets will also be on sale for activities that students can participate in on the day. While students will be wearing their own clothes, please be aware that we do expect them to dress appropriately.

Please note, students should arrive for their form time promptly as usual at 8.40am that day as the previously advertised late start has been postponed.



SIXTH FORM APPRENTICESHIP CHAMPION

Dear Sixth Form Parents,

I would like to introduce myself as the School's Apprenticeship Champion for Sixth Form. Within my role I hope to provide both Year 13 and Year 12 with the skills, knowledge and confidence to seek out school leaver employment/apprenticeship opportunities and to ensure they are successful in applying for an apprenticeship or school leaver employment with ongoing training - if this is their chosen pathway.

"Do something today that your future self will thank you for."

With an ever-changing job market, providing careers advice can be a real challenge. A survey from the National

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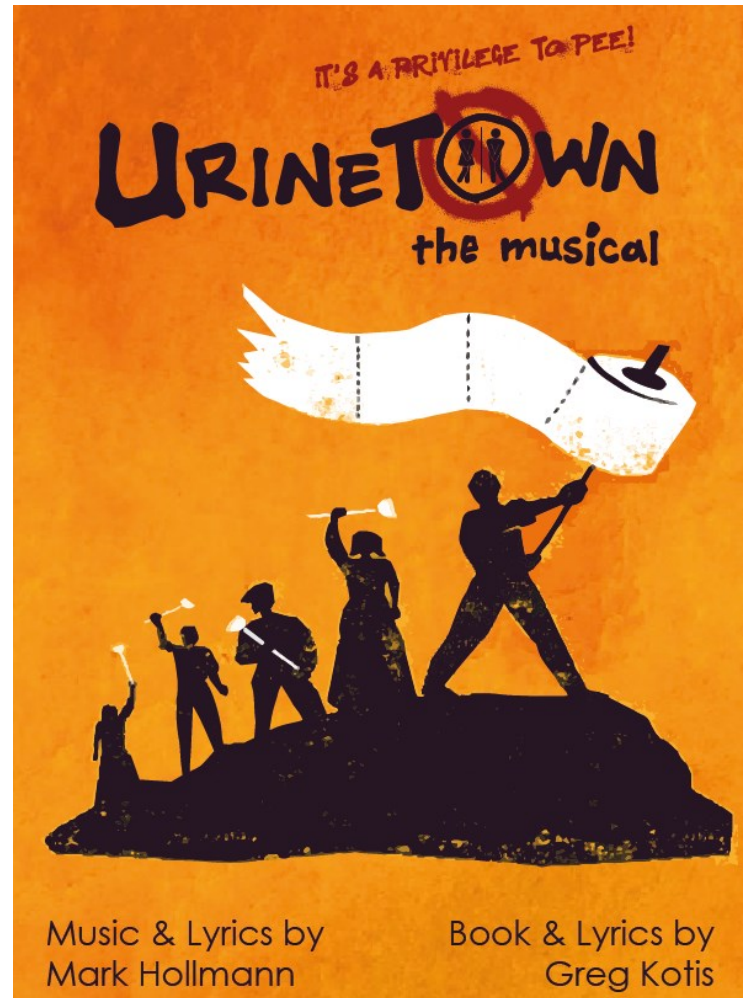
Apprenticeship Service found that 87% of parents give career advice to their children, but as many as 90% don't feel equipped to give it in the first place. The top three sectors that people still associate with apprenticeships are construction, electrical, and plumbing – but in truth, there are many, many more apprenticeship opportunities available nowadays.

As the Sixth Form's Apprenticeship Champion, I will help both your son / daughter and yourself to better understand higher level apprenticeships and the tremendous opportunities they can offer school leavers. Students planning to apply for an apprenticeship scheme will be given a personalised plan, sessions on core skills required to apply, confidence building workshops and one to one mentoring sessions with myself to assist them in making the right choices. All students need to do is drop me an email and I will book them in for an introductory session.

I will also be making available a whole host of useful resources which both you and your son or daughter will be able to access and refer to via the Sixth Form section of FP-Online, these resources will include things such as FAQ's, useful weblinks and general advice and guidance. If you do have any questions on apprenticeships please do not hesitate to contact me: lucy.naylor@furzeplatt.net

Miss L Naylor, Head of Business and Economics

TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY



LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT



FRENCH

Idris Riaz, Ben Wilson, Dylan Gardner, Ian Tobosei, Erin McEvoy, Maya Ciesielska, Amelie Owen, Bella Powell, Alessio Reina, Edwin Isted, Ben Wilson (all Year 10)



GERMAN

Hamza Saloudni, Aisha Abdou (Year 7)
Telfer Fernandes, Mia Willcocks, Nina Drenski, Katie Pettigrew, Lara Torok, Anna Gambriell, Keith Cory, Ella Mofki, Hannah Thomas, Elroy Colaco, Amy Bawden, Sean Montgomery (all Year 10)



SPANISH

Noah Drew, Matthew Williams, (Year 9)
Brogan McCafferty, Martha Garner, Alex Okonkwo, Mariana Gouveia (all Year 10)



Did you know where the toilet was hidden from our clue?

This time it was found at St Luke's Primary School! However, we don't think Year 5 minded as they loved creating their own short performances. Our cast were fantastic with them creating short scenes that included their characters. There were definitely some Year 5's who are destined for the stage themselves.





showing excellent tactics and teamwork. Furze Platt won the game with a score of 5-2. The boys should be incredibly proud of their performance. Man of the match goes to Callum Brennan, for an incredible all-round performance.



YEAR 8A NETBALL



The Year 8A Netball team competed in the 3rd round of the netball league against seven other neighbouring schools. They worked incredibly hard and played excellently, winning three of their games overall. The team consisted of Tia Mattingley, Lily Gibson, Sylvie Dominte, Megan Delahaye, Grace Gibson, Sadie Huddleston, Lena Holmes and Charli Arnold. Players of the match were Megan Delahaye and Lily Gibson for keeping the team motivated and positive throughout the tournament.



YEAR 11 FOOTBALL



Last week our Year 11 Boys played in the County Cup round against Parkhouse. The team: Max Bird, Max Noyce, Tom Lonsdale, Billy Gurney, Tom Jackson, Leon Best-Martinez, Bobby Mogford, Will Cullum, Ben Parrot, Henry Best, Iwan Hughes, Johnny Coulson, Will Morrison and Jamie Caldwell. The team played excellently together and put up a good fight, however the final score was 0-1 to Parkhouse. Special mention goes to Max Bird and Ben Parrot, who got Men of the Match.



YEAR 8 FOOTBALL



The Year 8 Boys Football team played an away game against Parkhouse earlier this week. The team consisted of Frankie King, Freddie Astrup McGuiness, Luke Maddox, Reece Ovens, Joshua Lawrence, Charlie Jelp, Louis Mormech, Lennon Moore, Jayden Tayler, Josh Parrott, Callum Brennan, Jake Coomes, Oli Basford and Jack Britton. The team played to such a high standard,



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BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS XC CHAMPIONSHIPS NEWBURY SHOWGROUND



Well done to all the following athletes who competed in the Berkshire Schools XC Champs at the weekend.

U13 Boys – Connor Fitzgibbon 55th out of 100

U13 Girls – Sophie McLachlan 30th out of 118

U15 Boys – Callum Bleazard 13th out of 111

Charlie Shervell 25th

Tim Golding 66th

U17 Boys – Edwin Isted 29th out of 43

U19 Men – Ben Reynolds 7th out of 37

Callum and Ben have qualified to represent Berkshire Schools at the SE Schools Inter-counties in Essex in February. Frank McGrath has also been invited to run at this event.

COUNTY SPORTS HALL COMPETITION



In the latest County Sports Hall competition, Hannah Britton finished in 11th place in the individual placing with Jose Sanchez-Giron's team finishing in fourth place.

The U13s boys' team - which included Jack Britton, Bailey Hayward, Aden Hayward and new member Oscar Tisshaw - finished in an impressive silver medal position along with some very impressive individual and relay placings for all competitors.

EXCELLENCE IN FOOD AND NUTRITION



Jamie Wilson, Year 8, was tasked with making cheese and onion triangles for his assessment. He made a consistent and even product, and developed them further by adding different faces to each triangle.



He achieved to an excellent standard with a smile on his face.

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**SECOND HAND SALE, FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
FROM 2.15PM IN THE LIBRARY**

A TASTE OF ITALY AT FURZE PLATT



Our café staff recently prepared a range of delicious dishes served under the Italian flag with some especially clever jelly decorating!



FURZE PLATT PARENT SHOWS ART EXHIBITION



(Picture courtesy of the Maidenhead Advertiser)

Emmy Costa-Wagner, mum of Kaiden (Year 7) and Rebecca (Year 4, Holy Trinity) is currently showing a range of her inspirational artworks at Elizabeth House, Cookham.

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Emmy is also a self-published writer and works as a part time administrator at Elizabeth House, which will be showing her artwork until Friday, February 7, where it can be viewed free of charge. The venue is open to the public from 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday (closed 12-1pm).

You can see more of her work at www.facebook.com/ECostaWagner/

HOUSE CHALLENGE



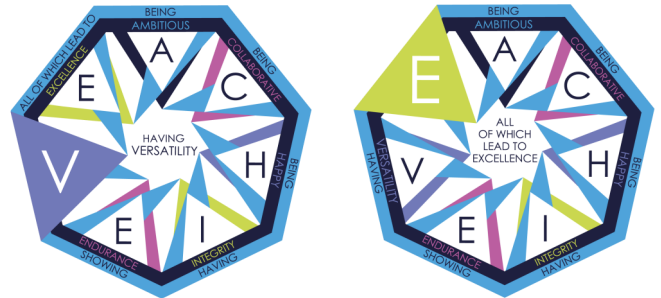
Our new House Challenge this term will be for each House to collect as much for Food Share as possible.

Maidenhead Foodbank provide food, including fresh food and fruit & vegetables, to individuals and families who are unable to afford a proper meal every day for themselves or their children. Their primary focus is on providing nutritious food. Further information about the charity can be found <http://foodshare.today/>

FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL
ALUMNI

Thank you to everyone who has submitted memories and / or information for our upcoming Alumni newsletter. To receive a copy, please register your details via the link below.

JOIN OUR ALUMNI



Outreach Team Worker in Shine

Salary scale – 5. Actual salary range £15,900 To £17,500

30 hours per week, term time only

Starting at 8.45am and finishing at 3.15pm (includes a 30 minute unpaid break) may be negotiable for the right candidate

The Shine Unit at Furze Platt Senior School helps young people with autism thrive and succeed in a mainstream school environment. The Outreach Team working within Shine provides support and training to students, their teachers and parents within the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead mainstream education settings.

We are looking for someone to join the outreach team and work with both teaching and support staff at a range of mainstream schools in order to support them with meeting the needs of Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 4 pupils with autism. This involves whole school, whole class and individual pupil work ensuring that standards of attainment are raised and that pupils are successfully included and succeed in a mainstream school setting.

Specialist training would be provided early on to enable you to manage a caseload of pupils with a diagnosis of autism. You would work with schools providing them with the skills, understanding and competencies to enable them to maintain and embed practice across the whole school for all pupils with autism. You would also support parents of pupils with autism and create and maintain materials required to deliver student programmes as well as attend multi-agency meetings to provide advice and support as appropriate.

We are looking for a good communicator with previous experience of working with students with autism or Special Educational Needs perhaps as a Learning Support Assistant in a school or other educational environment. A willingness to embrace the specialist training and acquire a good knowledge and understanding of students with autism is key as well as the ability to manage students in a classroom setting, prioritise workload, and work as part of a team. Use of a car is essential to enable you to visit RBWM schools.

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

Closing date: Monday 3rd February 2020
Interviews will take place week commencing Monday 3rd February 2020

CURRENT VACANCIES