



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

### Urinetown

Congratulations to our students and staff who were involved in our fantastic musical Urinetown this week. I was incredibly impressed by the talent on show and thank all involved for the dedication and commitment that led to such an entertaining evening. In particular I would like to thank our Head of Performing Arts and Urinetown Director Mrs Bradley, our Musical Directors Mr Forster and Mr Osborne-Lewis and Assistant Directors Miss Gibson and Miss Satterthwaite for their hard work with the incredible performers, stage and technical crews and band.



Our Chair of Governors, Gavin Tisshaw, summed up much of the audience reaction:

“The performance was amazing and I was blown away by the quality of the acting, singing, choreography, staging and music.

Everyone involved has obviously worked very hard to get the musical to the fantastic standard achieved so do please pass on congratulations on behalf of governors to all the performers and support crew staff and students alike.

I have seen West End performances that were not of this quality so you should all be very proud of yourselves.”

### Crowdfunding Campaign for Our New Hall/Theatre

Next year our musical will be in our new theatre with audiences of up to 450. Thank you to all parents and carers who are supporting the crowdfunding campaign, including your donations at the end of Urinetown this week. Please see details within this newsletter of how you can help.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

### Next Week

MON 17 - FRI 21  
FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY

MON 17 - THU 20  
FEBRUARY

P&R Trip - Rome, Italy

### Forthcoming Events

MON 24 FEBRUARY	Term 4 starts (Week 2)	
	Year 12 Maths & Computer Science Trip - Bletchley Park	8.30am - 4.30pm
WED 26 FEBRUARY	Parents' Community Group Meeting	6pm - 7pm
	Ski Trip Parents' Information Evening (Drama Studio)	6.30pm - 7.30pm
MON 24 FEBRUARY	Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations	
	Year 11 History - Jack the Ripper tour, Whitechapel	5pm - 10.30pm
MON 2 - FRI 6 MARCH	Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations	
THU 5 MARCH	Preparing to Succeed in Year 11 (2) Evening	6.30pm - 7.30pm
FRI 6 MARCH	Year 9 Progress Reports Published	
TUE 10 MARCH	A Level Politics - Congress to Campus, University of Oxford	8.45am - 3.30pm
THU 12 MARCH	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Training (Curricular)	9am - 12am
	Year 9 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 13 MARCH	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Training (Curricular)	
THU 19 MARCH	Duke of Edinburgh Awards Training	9am - 3pm
FRI 20 MARCH	Years 11, 12 & 13 Progress reports	
	PTFA Quiz Night & Dinner	7pm - 10.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20 & 2020/21

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

### Rewards Assemblies

Last week when writing how we were reminding students of our expectations, I also emphasised how so many students get it right lesson by lesson. It has therefore been brilliant this week to see the 75 students with the top points in each of our eight Houses being rewarded.

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I look forward to meeting the 100 top points scorers overall when we do the Centurion Awards after half term.

### Expectations

We have continued to remind students our expectations focusing on the areas highlighted by Mr Sheppard in assemblies last week. These reminders will continue into next term. Thank you for your continued support in this regard.

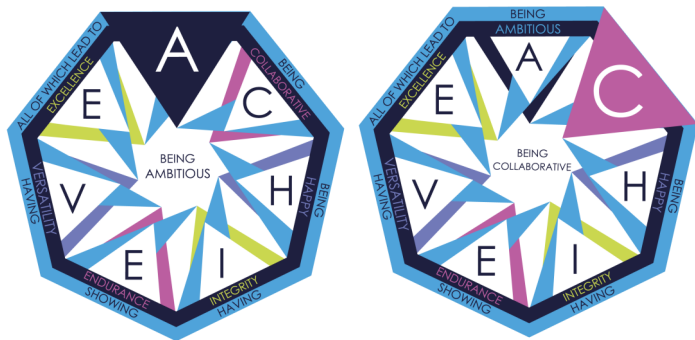
### Young Enterprise

Congratulations to our students who participated in Young Enterprise last weekend competing against schools from Slough and Maidenhead. They are taking their eco plans for recycled plant pots, jewellery stands and more to Windsor Royal Station on 7<sup>th</sup> March so do support them if you are around. The group will then present to a panel at the O2 later in the year.

### Half Term

Thank you for all your support in what has variously been a difficult and emotional Term 3. I massively appreciate how members of the Furze Platt Senior School community have supported each other. I wish you all a fantastic half term and bon voyage – or should I say buon viaggio! - to our students and staff embarking on what should be an amazing trip to Rome.

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



### YEAR 11 PHOTOS

Please note - all Year 11 photos must be returned to Reception by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at the latest.

### 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](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and

clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com) and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

[VIEW REPORT](#)

### NEW MAIN HALL / THEATRE UPDATE WE'RE OVER HALFWAY!



Wow! In just a few months we have smashed through the halfway mark and, thanks to your help, we've raised almost £20,000 towards fitting-out our new theatre. We're so thrilled by all your support and the generosity of the local community. Every donation goes towards making our vision for this exciting state-of-the-art theatre become a reality. It's not only an amazing asset for the school but will make us a leading venue for the community to hire. But we still NEED YOU FOR THIS FINAL PUSH.

How can you help? Just a £10 donation per child would see us past the post. Yes – just a £10 contribution will make a HUGE difference. It's less than a round of drinks and so much more of an investment! Plus, if you Gift Aid it, that's an extra 25% for FREE!

Please follow us on Facebook (Furze Platt and Furze Platt PTFA) or the Furze Platt official Twitter account to keep up to date with all our activities. Scroll further down this newsletter to discover the many ways you can involve yourself by checking out our PTFA section of this newsletter. Click here to find out more about our New Main Hall / Theatre project, see the plans and donate via our crowdfunding project. Be part of it!

[DONATE](#)

Come and join us in this final push and be part of helping Furze Platt become centre stage in the community. Thank you.

### Furze Platt Senior School are in the limelight!

Together with The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, the school governors have been working on a plan to transform and improve the facilities at Furze Platt School for students and the local community. 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.



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#JOINOURCROWD

## ROME TRIP

If your son/daughter is coming to Rome with us during half term, please remember to bring any outstanding forms, medicines etc. as well as passports, EHC cards etc. on the day of departure. Do follow our fantastic special website for Rome trip updates and please remember to fill in the message board – it's great fun when the messages are read out!

[FPSS ROME TRIP WEBSITE](#)

## SUPPORTING THE MORE ABLE AND STRETCH AND CHALLENGE FOR ALL

This term I am evaluating Furze Platt's provision for supporting 'more able' students, to ensure that they are taught with an appropriate level of stretch and challenge and that they have access to the wider curriculum. I believe having parental input on this improvement is beneficial and so I would like to hear your views on our current provision and the opportunity to have your say on what we could do to improve in this area. You can participate in this survey by clicking on the following link:

[SURVEY](#)

Your responses will be anonymous and will help to inform development of our programme for the 'more able'.

## INFORMATION ABOUT EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED STUDENTS

Furze Platt has been privileged to educate some of the most talented sportspeople and performers, regionally, nationally and even internationally. Some of our students are particularly strong in rowing, tennis, football and diving and many of whom have either pursued their talent professionally after their education or are currently developing their talents alongside their studies. We are proud to support some students who are identified as exceptionally talented based on their level of commitment in developing their talent outside of school and the level at which they are recognised within their field. I would like to know more about these commitments to ensure that students' academic achievement and well-being are not compromised.

If this description applies to your child, please complete the following form so I can see what provision is necessary and suitable.

[FORM](#)

Thank you for your participation with our More Able and Talented students.

Ms Inwood, More Able and Talented Coordinator

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Our Young Enterprise team presented their eco-friendly plastic products recently in Maidenhead town centre. The team, called Protastic, currently focus on making plant pots, lunch boxes and jewellery stands out of plastic. Photos of the team and pictured with the Rt Hon Theresa May MP, courtesy of the Maidenhead Advertiser.



IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO PEE!

# URINETOWN

the musical



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**URINETOWN PROGRAMME**

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If you have any news items you wish to feature in our newsletter please email: [media@furzeplatt.net](mailto:media@furzeplatt.net)

## SPORTS NEWS

Despite the recent stormy weather, a huge number of our students have taken part in sporting activities. Well done to all concerned and to our dedicated PE staff for their encouragement throughout. There were a number of Houses that did exceptionally well across the Interhouse tournaments.



supported the team throughout. Special mention goes to Freya Stevenson for fantastic shooting skills and Jaya Bansie for excellent defensive skills.

### YEAR 7B NETBALL

On Wednesday our Year 7B Team competed in the third round of the netball league against five other teams. They played excellently, winning three out of their five games. This result means that they are now 3rd overall in the league.



The team consisted of Rosita Papoff, Gabi Kedziora, Jaya Bansie, Misty Fernandes, Iqra Mohsin, Freya Stevenson, Amy Barker, Rosa Castignetti and Marine Brati who

### YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February our Year 7 Boys played football against Holyport. The boys played brilliantly as a team and ended up winning with a score of 3-0. The team consisted of Alfie Wiggins, Peter Nicholas, Sam Baines, Fin Hayward, Dan Higley, Jacob Wardle, Ross Van Eden, Noam Weitz, James Wilkinson, Matej Sutton, Rowan Sellman, Albert Palmer, Harry James, Aiden Hayward and Franky Jones. Player of the match went to Jacob Wardle for an incredible performance and smart team tactics.





**YEAR 7 INTERHOUSE**

Our Year 7 girls competed against each other in football and the boys played matches against each other in hockey. All performers put in great team efforts and showed strong sporting skills, whilst supporting others on and off the pitches. They showed their resilience in fighting against huge gusts from the wind.

The results are as follows:

**Girls' Football**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Henley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bisham
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dorney
- 5<sup>th</sup> Eton
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bray
- 7<sup>th</sup> Windsor and Cookham

**Boys' Hockey**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cookham
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlow
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bisham
- 4<sup>th</sup> Windsor
- 5<sup>th</sup> Henley
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bray
- 7<sup>th</sup> Eton and Dorney



**YEAR 10 INTERHOUSE**

Our Year 10 girls also competed against each other in football and the boys competed against each other in hockey. It was a very high energy, competitive event with lots of teams supporting each other.

The results are as follows:

**Girls' Football**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bray
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cookham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Henley
- 4<sup>th</sup> Marlow
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dorney
- 6<sup>th</sup> Eton
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bisham and Windsor

**Boys' Hockey**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marlow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorney
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Eton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bray
- 5<sup>th</sup> Cookham
- 6<sup>th</sup> Henley
- 7<sup>th</sup> Windsor
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bisham

Furze Platt Senior School are in the limelight! Our New Hall Theatre will be a community asset available for hire to local arts and theatre societies, orchestras, groups and schools.

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A NEW THEATRE FOR THE MAIDENHEAD COMMUNITY

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**YEAR 11 FOOTBALL**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February our Year 11 boys played a match against Brakenhale. The boys played really well and unfortunately just lost the game with a score of 1-2. It was a very close match and the team worked hard to try and draw even.

Our team: Will Cullum, Max Bird, Billy Gurney, Tom Jackson, Adam Cuva, Kyle Ovens, Leon Best-Martinez, Will Morrison, Max Noyce, Iwan Hughes, Freddy Smith, Tom Jackson, Johnny Coulson, Fraser Quin, Tom Davies and Henry Best.



**YEAR 9 BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February four of our girls from Year 9 - Kate Lee, Balraj Kaur, Amy Matthews and Olivia Wojas.- competed at the National Badminton Championships at Bohunt School in Arborfield.



The girls played short matches against many different schools around the Berkshire area. They had chances to play in both singles and doubles matches. Despite maximum efforts, the girls did not make it into the finals. However, they played very well indeed, coaching each other and keeping each other calm in between matches. They should be proud of their performance and they are certainly determined to continue to improve to get into the Nationals next year. Player of the team goes to Kate Lee for winning all of her single matches and for showing truly excellent talent.



already really looking forward to the event!  
 All the money raised will go towards SportsAble, in order to fund equipment for those in need of new wheelchairs, mobility scooters, lifts and more.  
 Last Friday was also Mufti Day and all monies from that also went towards SportsAble.



Pictured Jamaal Mahmood, Jake Wilson, Rowan Sellman and Koren Smith about to play Kurling along with Callum King and Ashlyn Fray, who helped to organise the event.

## SPORTSABLE – THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who supported the SportsAble event last Friday, we raised over £2200 through activities and mufti day. (Our next mufti day will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and will be in aid of our New Hall Theatre.)  
 SportsAble Charity Event  
 By Youcef Ait-Kaci, Year 9



On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, our school took the opportunity to invite the SportsAble club to our Main Hall to enjoy a number of different games. The event was set up by Miss Carty, who worked extremely hard with numerous SportsAble staff to set up the games for students to enjoy. These games consisted of Boccia, New Age Kurling and a wheelchair challenge.

Each game cost £1 to participate in, which would also result in the participant having some time off lessons, as they got to miss period 4 and 5, meaning students were



## YEAR 10 CONSTRUCTION



Our Year 10 Construction group have started making their bird tables. Here is Leyth Klibi's completed tray to hold the bird food, which fulfils the criteria for their 'making a timber product' unit.



Pictured here is Michal Kocurowski with his completed cross halving joint, which will support the tray for the bird table. The Construction tutor said it's the neatest joint he's seen cut by any student this year, out of all the schools he works in. Well done Michal.



**DUKE OF EDINBURGH  
BRONZE AWARD  
YEAR 9 CONSTRUCTION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

Well done to our Year 9 Construction & Child Development group who have recently completed a number of first aid sessions with our Medical Officer, Mrs Bowen.

As well as helping the group to complete the skills section of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, it has given them a set of valuable life skills. Thank you to Mrs Bowen for her continued support.

Pictured- Harvey-Leo Bond performing CPR, and Nikita Macbride, Naizal Se Souza and Harvey with Mrs Bowen.



**DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE  
AWARD  
DINNER PARTY MENU**

Great work by Pippa Largey, Year 9, who for her skills section of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award cooked a full menu for a dinner party.



“I hosted the dinner party last night and took pictures of all the dishes. The starter was spring rolls made with filo pastry, the main was gnocchi with parsley in a mushroom ragu and the dessert was an apple and blackberry crumble.”

It all looks delicious Pippa – very well done!

**YEAR 9 CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

Kornelia Jankowska and Naizel De Souza (both Year 9) spent their weekend looking after e-babies this time. They said they would recommend the experience to everyone. When asked what was the most difficult, Naizel replied: ‘You never know what the baby wants, it just cries and you have to guess why’. Well done to both of them for successfully completing the activity. The babies will now have a well-deserved half term rest.



# PTFA

Parents, Teachers  
& Friends  
Association

The PTFA door is always open. If you fancy getting involved with fundraising, helping out or sharing any skills you have with us then just get in touch. Feel free to wander along to one of our meetings – there's always a brew on and biscuits! Watch this space for the date of the next meeting.

Current positions are:

Chair: Lorraine Hughes

Treasurer: Caroline Golding

Secretary: Jean Sutherland

200 Club: Geraldine Ebenezer

## 200 CLUB WINNERS!

Congratulations to the lucky winners of this quarter's draw of the 200 Club. The numbers were drawn this week by the cast of the sensational Urinetown production. The winning numbers were 39, 67 and 128. All the winners have been notified

## 200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 10

on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020



## NEXT TIME IT COULD BE YOU - JOIN OUR 200 CLUB TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE

Every three months our 200 Club runs a draw that could see you winning £200 per number. The odds are better than the lottery – cheaper too! If everyone joined, paying £5 per month, then that could earn the



school £6000 per year! And for £57 you can join for the year. There's no spam emails, no contract and you're in control of the direct debits. It's a win win situation. Click here to find out more and join.

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

## QUIZ AND DINNER

It's one of the social highlights of our school calendar – the Quiz and Dinner. Click to book tickets and be quick to avoid disappointment.

BOOK TICKETS



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Please do let us know if you are employed by any of these companies:

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These are just some of the employers who match fund donations that their employees give to charity. Please ask us if you want more information at [ptfa@furzeplatt.net](mailto:ptfa@furzeplatt.net)

Aviva	Kingfisher Plc
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Benfield Group	TSB / HBOS
BP	Microsoft
British Telecom	Northern Rock
British Gas	O2 / 3M
Camelot	PWC
Costcutter	RBS
Co-Op	Royal Dutch Shell
Daryl Industries	RWE
Deloitte	nPower
Diago	Santander
Ernest & Young	Schroders
Experian	Sky
HSBC	Tarmac
Ipsos	Tesco
Mori	UBS
JP Morgan	Unilever
Chase Bank	Yorkshire Bank

## REMINDERS

### YEAR 7 PGL INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH FROM 5.30PM

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to remind all parents about the Parents' Information Evening on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. The talk will start at 6pm in the Main Hall so we ask that parents arrive from 5:30pm in order to complete some of the administrative tasks.

It is very important that you should try and attend as you will be given information on the activities, rooming arrangements and find out about the daily itinerary and general running of the trip and ask any questions you or your child may have. You will also be given the opportunity to try on sample hoodies and place your order for your child's Furze Platt PGL hoodie.

I have attached three mandatory forms to this letter:

- Behaviour Agreement
- Mobile Phone Agreement
- Medical Form

**Please complete these forms and bring them with you to the Parents' Information Evening.**

If you have any questions about any of these forms, please do contact me and I will be able to offer assistance. If you are unable to attend the Information Evening, please return all completed forms to reception or Miss Boseley by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020. It is imperative that these forms are returned to ensure your child is able to attend the PGL trip.

We can now confirm that the final payment of £100 must be made by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Payments should be made online via WisePay and when paying, you will also be able to select to attend the Information Evening.

For further information on the trip do not hesitate to contact me, or look on the PGL website at <http://www.pgl.co.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Miss D Boseley, PGL Trip Leader 2019-2020

Email: [danielle.boseley@furzeplatt.net](mailto:danielle.boseley@furzeplatt.net)

PGL BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT

PGL MOBILE PHONE AGREEMENT

PGL MEDICAL FORM

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### MEDICAL DETAILS FOR OUR STUDENTS

If we need to get hold of a parent, we can only do so on the numbers provided by you. It is vital that we have the most up to date contact details, so if yours have changed, or your email address, please let us know here:

<http://furzeplatt.ng2.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Updating+Student+Details&pid=281>

Thank you.

### YEAR 10 GCSE PREPARATION – PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS IN MARCH 2020

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE LETTER



## PARALLEL WINDSOR LAUNCHES SIDE BY SIDE CAMPAIGN WITH 5 MONTHS TO GO

**WELCOMING ALL AGES AND ABILITIES, PARALLEL WINDSOR WILL TAKE PLACE ON 28 JUNE IN WINDSOR GREAT PARK. THE AWARD-WINNING FULLY ACCESSIBLE EVENT COMBINES MASS PARTICIPATION AND A FREE FESTIVAL OF INCLUSIVITY.**

Parallel Windsor's Side by Side campaign highlights stories and powerful imagery of togetherness amongst friends, families, charities and communities. The campaign also encourages people to share their own stories and reasons for getting involved or taking part in the event. The campaign brings to life the inclusive spirit of Parallel, which is all about sharing experiences and connecting communities in a warm, welcoming and fully accessible environment.

**Andrew Douglass, Founder of Parallel said:**

"I'm really excited to be launching our campaign, which I hope will further encourage as many people as possible to be side by side and join us in the Windsor Great Park. Our focus is shining a positive light on disability inclusion, but Parallel Windsor is for absolutely everybody."

Run, walk or push; you can choose from five distances - 100m, 1k, 5k, 10k or the unique Super Sensory 1K, co-designed with Parallel Ambassador and sensory engagement and inclusion specialist, Jo Grace. There is no cut off times, highlighted by the Parallel spirit of 'Start Together, Finish Whenever'.

A free family Festival of Inclusivity will also take place; which includes food, drink, entertainment, music, active lifestyle, technology and a charity village. National charities, such as Livability, The Children's Trust and Newlife the Charity for Disabled Children have already signed up to raise funds for their causes and showcase their work. The previous two Parallels have helped raise over £1 million for more than 80 charities.

Councillor Samantha Rayner, Deputy Leader of the Council for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead said: "We are delighted to have Parallel in our Borough. We really encourage active and healthy lifestyles; where inclusive sport and accessible facilities are integral to our communities. I am also particularly pleased that Parallel is also committed to sustainability and working towards being plastic free. I'm looking forward to being with the rich diversity of our local community and welcoming visitors from across the UK to the Windsor Great Park. I think Parallel Windsor not only promises to be a fantastic day out, but hopefully a reason to come to our disability-friendly Borough for longer and discover our breadth of world-class accessible tourist attractions."

More information and how to sign up can be found on [www.parallellifestyle.com](http://www.parallellifestyle.com). The website will also announce performers and activities at the free Festival of Inclusivity over the coming months. You can also join Parallel's online community [@ParallelGlobal](https://twitter.com/ParallelGlobal)

### MEDIA INFORMATION

Klaartje Millington-Vest, Event Series Director Parallel on [klaartje@parallellifestyle.com](mailto:klaartje@parallellifestyle.com) or 020 7034 4846.

### ABOUT PARALLEL

Parallel is an innovative social enterprise; designed to shine a positive light on disability inclusion. Parallel events aim to remove barriers to enable as many people as possible of all ages and abilities to challenge themselves and get active; whilst also creating significant fundraising opportunities for charities. An integral part of the overall event experience is a festival of inclusivity; designed to provide a more immersive and interactive experience of disability inclusion.