

Weekly Update: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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## NEXT WEEK

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> February      Half term holidays

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4 (Week 1)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Iceland trip - Parents' Information Evening (6-7pm)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Community Group Meeting (6-7pm)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening - Exam Preparation & Revision (7-8pm)



## SCHOOL NEWS

Yr13

**FEBRUARY PROGRESS REPORTS AVAILABLE**

Yr13

Year 13 reports have been issued this week 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). Please click [here](#) for instructions to log on. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs S Watford (M.I.S. Manager)

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## FURZE PLATT SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



**APPLICATION DEADLINE TODAY  
FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

[Sixth Form Prospectus & Course Guide 2017](#)

Yr11

**YEAR 11 PHOTOS**

Yr11

Please note: If you are not ordering photos online through [Cardwell & Simons](#), Year 11 photograph orders must be returned to the school office by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Thank you.

## A 'MAGIC' FURZE PLATT STUDENT

Patrick Ashe, Year 13, is taking part in The Young Magician of the Year competition this weekend, held at the Magic Circle's HQ in London.

The winner of this prestigious competition will receive a trip to Las Vegas to train at a Magic and Mystery School, as well as four years' free membership to the Magic Circle.

You can see more of Patrick's magic tricks at: [facebook.com/maidenheadmagician](https://www.facebook.com/maidenheadmagician).

We wish him the best of luck.



Photo courtesy of the Maidenhead Advertiser.



Following the success of the Drama department's productions such as Seussical, Our House and Into the Woods, this year was the turn of the Philip Pullman classic 'His Dark Materials'.

Although the original play has a five hour running time and spans 27 locations and numerous worlds, Mrs Bradley and Miss Satterthwaite have given us the more manageable 'His Dark Materials' Part One. Featuring a wonderful cast of actors, skilled puppeteers and with professional behind the scenes staff (including a workshop with a puppeteer and a visit to the National Theatre archives), there was a huge amount of preparation for this play, which was performed this week over four nights.

A stunning achievement - well done to all involved.



# Maidenhead Advertiser

To read the Maidenhead Advertiser's report headed 'Furze Platt pupils bring His Dark Materials to life' please click [here](#).



Hello, my name is Adam Somerville and I am taking part in the Operation Wallacea Expedition to Indonesia in 2018. I am in Year 12, studying Chemistry, Biology and Psychology, and after Sixth Form I am hoping to do a Pharmacy degree at university.

I heard about the Mexico Expedition (which took place last year) and was fascinated by the work that Operation Wallacea do and by the opportunity an expedition like this presents. Therefore, when I heard about the Indonesia trip I knew it was something that I would love to do.

The trip consists of one week in the Forest, where we will be trained to carry out a range of surveys, including monitoring Bat communities, Bird surveys, and distribution of the forest canopy.

In the second week, we will be diving in the coral reefs surrounding Indonesia and learning survey techniques used to monitor the ecosystem. Throughout this time, we will be having lectures, allowing us to develop our knowledge about the conservation work.

I am very keen on learning new skills and hope to broaden my understanding of the cultures and environmental differences between Indonesia and Britain.

However, we shall have to organise and carry out fundraising events in order to get there. We have recently been selling raffle tickets at parents evening and have raised about £300 so far.

In the future, we are planning to sell coffees and refreshments at the PTFA Table Top sales, which are held in the hall. The next sale is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

We have recently had a fundraising advice meeting by Operation Wallacea and we are now putting together ideas for larger events we can hold, such as car washes and a quiz night. We will be sure to let you know about these in advance!

In the meantime, we have set up a 'Just Giving' page to spread the word of our expedition online.

If you wish to make a donation or read more about our expedition, please go to - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/FPSSIndonesia2018>

We would love to hear from anyone with any possible ideas about how the team could continue to raise funds for the expedition. If so, please contact either Mr. Molin [andrew.molin@furzeplatt.net](mailto:andrew.molin@furzeplatt.net) or Dr. Scott [michele.scott@furzeplatt.net](mailto:michele.scott@furzeplatt.net)

If you would like to make a donation you can either do so online into account sort code 309536, account 59194168 or by writing a cheque to Furze Platt Senior School and delivering it to School Reception. In both cases please ensure that you give the reference IND18. Thank you.



**Year 10 Parents' Evening**  
**Thursday 9th March 4.15-7.15pm**



**Please note: bookings open from 3.15pm today (Friday 10th February).**

We are using our online booking system for our parents' evenings which has proven to simplify the whole process and put parents firmly in control of their own appointments. Parents who book up first will have the most flexibility.

Due to the volume of students that the science staff teach, parents will only be able to book with one teacher who will have full information about all the science subjects. If you do not have easy access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf. Please follow the Parents' Evening Bookings link under News and Events on the school website, or click on the link below:

<http://www.furzeplatt.com/page/?title=Parents%27+Evening+Bookings&pid=32>

Mr G Bown (Deputy Headteacher)



## RESULTS FROM THIS WEEK



## CROSS COUNTRY

South East Schools Cross Country Championship Brands Hatch

Elliot Lowe (Year 9) represented Berkshire Schools at the South East event and finished 73<sup>rd</sup>, the 9<sup>th</sup> Berkshire runner out of 16.

## FOOTBALL

Year 7 'A' team - Beat Forest School 3-2

Year 7 'B' team - Lost 6-3

Year 8 - Beat Forest School 3-2

Year 9 - Lost to Forest School 5-2

Year 9 - Beat Mary Hare - 1-0

Year 10 - Lost to Forest School 5-1

W/C 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

## Monday

U14 Girls v Cox Green

## Tuesday

No Year 7 Boys' training

## Wednesday

Year 7 and 8 Boys' Football training

## Thursday

Year 10 Boys' Football away v Brakenhale

U16 Girls v Bulmershe Home  
No Year 7 Boys' Football training

## ROWING UPDATE

Congratulations to Abbie Bird (Year 13), Sean O'Mahony (Year 13) and Victor Kleshnev (Year 12) who were invited to spend the day training at the GB rowing centre in Caversham last Sunday. This was as a result of their strong performance during trials in November.

They will now attend the next stage of J18 trials over the half term break along with Sergio Collett and Izzie Bird (both Year 11) in J16.

We wish them all the very best of luck.

## HENLEY HOUSE BAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who both donated and bought cakes yesterday at Henley House's Bake Sale during Break 1. Thank you also to Josh Reynolds and Abi Wilcock (both Year 13) for helping to organise the event. We are delighted to announce that £150 was raised for Henley's chosen charity, The Link Foundation.





## 2017 PTFA MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March (AGM)**

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June**

**Each starts 7.30pm in the library, all welcome.**

## PTFA TABLE TOP SALE

**Next Table Top Sale: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Main Hall.**

### Can you help?

- Treasurer required (approx. one hour per week)
- Two more volunteers required for our Indoor Car Boot Sale. (Any parent who has a stall at the event and is willing to assist in the set up and set down will receive 50% off their stall fee)

### Upcoming events:

- AGM meeting, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Big Quiz (No.4) on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April (food, bar and raffle available). Tickets £15 a head.
- 200 Club – only £5 per month, cash prizes available.
- For further details on any PTFA related queries please email: [jeff@iifa.co.uk](mailto:jeff@iifa.co.uk)



## REMINDERS

# FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL TERM DATES

## PARENTS' COMMUNITY MEETING

**MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY AT 6PM**

### What is the Parents' Community?

Every parent at Furze Platt Senior School is a member of the Parents' Community. There are four meetings a year They last no more than one hour, from 6 –7pm on Monday evenings. The meetings are informal - hosted and minuted by the headteacher. Parents have the opportunity to email discussion items in advance. The headteacher will also raise items for discussion and feedback.

All welcome (please email the school at [office@furzeplatt.com](mailto:office@furzeplatt.com) if you plan to attend).



## CAREERS WEEK AND WORK EXPERIENCE JULY 2017



In the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 we have our annual Work Experience Week. On the following Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, we will hold a Careers Day, where we will run workshops, mock interviews, lifestyle and finance talks. For the rest of the week we encourage all our Year 12 students to take part in work experience in order to enhance their education and prepare them for the world of work.

Please see the letter below for full details and reply slip.

Mr J Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)

## YEAR 12 CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE LETTER



## REVISION SESSIONS



The school is offering numerous extra revision sessions either before, during or after school for Year 11 students. Click on the link [here](#) to find details of what is currently available and when. Some teachers are running revision sessions in a different format and so, if a subject is not listed that your child is studying, please encourage your child to speak to their teacher.

Attending these sessions offers the chance for students to get help in subjects working in small groups, ask for specific help in subjects, gain free tuition in subjects from teachers who know them and overall can make a huge difference to students' attainment.

If you have any queries regarding these sessions, please contact Debbie Slater, Senior Learning Mentor on extension 127.

### LATE STARTS TO THE SCHOOL DAY

On the following days **school will start for students at 9.10**. They will miss registration and assembly and go straight to Lesson 2.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

This adjustment is in recognition of the fact that we have doubled the number of parents' evenings that teachers need to attend for students in Year 7 and 8. Parents' Evenings are so well attended that parents told us they were struggling to make appointments with all the teachers they wished to see. We hope this arrangement will allow every parent to meet all their child's teachers.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

### YEAR 8 GCSE OPTIONS

**DEADLINE FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2017**

Parents/Carers of Year 8 students unable to attend our recent GCSE Options Evening, please read the information provided in the links below and email Edwin Towill, Deputy Headteacher [edwin.towill@furzeplatt.net](mailto:edwin.towill@furzeplatt.net) if you have any queries regarding your son/daughter's option choices.

[Year 8 Options Presentation](#)

[Year 8 Options Booklet](#)

[Year 8 Options Form](#)

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## Secondary Teacher Training Opportunities in Maidenhead

# TEACH MAIDENHEAD

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Teach Maidenhead is the foremost teacher training provider west of London, founded in 2013. We are offering 60 School Direct Tuition Fee route secondary places for 2017-2018. We are also delighted to be able to offer School Direct Salaried places in several subjects for the first time. Our teacher training courses are organised in conjunction with the University of Reading and UCL/IOE.

### Why train with us?

All five schools are thriving and vibrant communities with enthusiastic, motivated students and very high outcomes. The support provided to trainees is first rate, with intensive subject-based training from experts at our accrediting providers and close mentoring from experienced teachers in each school who have a proven track record in training and professional development. Trainees have the opportunity to gain PGCE, QTS and 60 Master's level credits. All successful trainees can expect to take up employment at one of the Teach Maidenhead schools, where possible.

All five schools are offering opportunities to find out about School Direct and Teach Maidenhead and carry out some lesson observations. For further information please refer to our website.



To find out more visit our website [www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk](http://www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk) email us at [info@teachmaidenhead.co.uk](mailto:info@teachmaidenhead.co.uk) or call us on 01628 762231

