



# FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #55.11



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



The new school payment system – WisePay - is now up and running. Logins were sent out on Tuesday. **Please let us know if you did not receive an email with your new login details.** Here are some of the FAQ's:

**Is there a WisePay app I can use?** The WisePay app should be ready to roll out early in the new school term in September.

**Can I autopop up?** This feature is not available from WisePay but you will receive an email when your child's account balance drops below £5.

**Can I save my credit card details on WisePay?** This will only be possible on the app (see above) and not on a PC.

**When I top up, how quickly does the total update on my account?** The system updates every 10 minutes – so totals will not appear immediately.

### Troubleshooting – problems logging on?

Username and password need to be entered in the correct uppercase or lowercase letters

There is a dot between the first and last name of your child in the username details. E.g. Jack.Brown

If copying and pasting, please check that you have not inadvertently dragged over some trailing spaces – either at the beginning or the end of the word.

Check that you are using the WisePay link sent out by the school or the one on our website – **only this one works.**

<https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?mID=284256&ACT=nav>

If you are trying to login using a smartphone or tablet please check that the software has not automatically capitalised the



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ALL EVENTS
- SPORTS CALENDAR
- SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

### Next Week (Week 2)

<b>MON 9</b> JULY	Year 10 visit to Oxford Brookes	All day
	Year 10 visit to Royal Holloway, University of London	All day
<b>MON 9 - FRI 13</b> JULY	Year 12 Careers and Work Experience Week	
<b>THURS 12 - MON 16</b>	Music trip to Rhineland, Germany	
<b>FRI 13</b> JULY	<b>Last day of term - students finish at 3.15pm</b>	3.15pm

### Forthcoming Events

<b>TUES 17 - FRI 20</b> JULY	Geography trip to Nettlecombe	
<b>WEDS 18 - SUN 22</b>	Battlefields trip to France and Belgium	
<b>TUE 24 - MON 6</b> JULY AUG	Sixth Form expedition to Indonesia	
<b>TUES 4</b> SEPT	Start of Term (Years 7 and 12 only)	8.40-3.15
<b>WEDS 5</b> SEPT	Start of Term (all other years)	8.40-3.15

first letter of the email address.

You are advised to change your password to something easier to remember – once this is done login will become your email address.

Help is available from school (*not from WisePay directly*):  
 Claire Eadie [claire.eadie@furzeplatt.com](mailto:claire.eadie@furzeplatt.com) 01628 625308 ext. 162 or Mila Coombs [mila.coombs@furzeplatt.com](mailto:mila.coombs@furzeplatt.com) ext 138, during school hours.



## LAST DAY OF TERM 13TH JULY - 3.15 PM FINISH

### Important information for the last week of term

As you are aware, due to the building works taking place on site, the school will close for students on Friday 13th July. The last day will run as usual and students will finish at 3.15pm. Due to the fact that the school kitchen is being replaced we will be offering the following cafe service in the last week:

Monday 9th July - Hot Food / Cold Food  
Tuesday 10th July - Hot Food / Cold Food  
Wednesday 11th July - Cold Food only  
Thursday 12th July - Cold Food only  
Friday 13th July - Cold Food only

As arrangements mean that your sons and daughters are missing their final week in school, teachers have provided a number of learning resources for students in Year 7 - 10. These resources can be found on FP Online ([titled July 16th -20th Learning Resources](#)). We hope that you and your sons and daughters find them stimulating.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. The improved facilities will be of great benefit to everyone once complete.



### YEAR 7 AND 8 REPORTS

Year 7 and 8 reports will shortly be available to view on Go4Schools. Parents and carers will receive email confirmation of this. If any parent or carer wishes to discuss the report in more detail, they should either contact the subject teacher concerned, or their child's Head of House.



### YEAR 8 OPTIONS

Letters confirming which options Year 8 students have been allocated next year will be given to students early next week. In the vast majority of cases students have been given the options they have asked for; where this has not been possible this has been discussed with students and/or parents and carers already. If any students or parents/ carers wish to discuss these options they should contact Mr E Towill, Associate Headteacher.



### GCSE TEXTBOOKS FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE

When students return in September in Years 9 and 10 they will be beginning in the next phase of their education by studying the set GCSE texts. In order to promote ownership

of their learning and revision, this year the English Department are requesting that, over the summer break, each student purchases their own copy of the core texts they will be studying for their English Literature GCSE. Having their own copies of the texts will be beneficial to students as they will be able to write useful revision notes and annotations in their copy. It will also allow them to take the texts home to revise. In addition, students may wish to begin reading the texts over the summer break, so that they are better acquainted with the texts before studying them more thoroughly in September. In order for students to access the lessons more easily, the following edition of the text should be purchased:

- An Inspector Calls - ISBN 978-0-435232-82-5
- Macbeth - ISBN 978-0-521-60686-8

Copies of these texts can be purchased at bookstores such as WH Smith's or Waterstones, or they can be found online through websites such as Amazon. The English Department would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in supporting your child during their studies. If financing these textbooks is difficult for you or your family, please contact me directly at [claire.may@furzeplatt.net](mailto:claire.may@furzeplatt.net) to enquire about funding.

Miss C May, KS4 Co-ordinator



### YEAR 10 TRIPS TO ROYAL HOLLOWAY / OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITIES

Some of our Year 10 students are visiting either Royal Holloway or Oxford Brookes Universities on Monday. Students must be dressed in perfect school uniform and will need to bring a pen and some water as the weather is forecast to be very warm.

Students will need to meet at front of school at 8.45 and will be back in school by 3.15pm. Please note:

- At Holloway students can buy food or eat own packed lunch
- At Oxford, it won't be possible to buy food so students must bring their own food and drinks



### ENGLISH FIELD TRIP TO SEE 'A MONSTER CALLS' WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018

Students should arrive at school by 11:30am at the latest, meeting in the Main Hall to complete the necessary admin tasks. We will then be leaving by coach at 12pm. Depending on traffic, we should arrive back to school between 6-7pm. In addition, please ensure that students bring a packed lunch and plenty of water with them on the day as we will not be able to purchase food at any point throughout the trip.

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**By George Banks, Year 13**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June



On Tuesday we visited Leicester Square to go to Global, the largest commercial radio company, with our host Naomi. We enjoyed the visit because it provided Max (Selby, also Year 13) and me with an insight into what it would be like to work in a radio industry. We were given an interesting tour around Global, hosted by Sofia and James. This allowed us to see where each radio station broadcast from. It surprised me to see that radio stations such as: Capital, Radio X, LBC, Heart, Smooth and Classic FM are all broadcast from the same place. As well as this it shocked me to see how many people were involved in the making, research and producing of the radio shows.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Sam walked us through to Universal records in High Street Kensington, London. We had a fascinating insight to see what it was like in the music industry. We then met up with Mel, who gave us a tour around the office and introduced us to a range of people from interns to Ben, the Marketing Manager. We sat in on a meeting during the morning where we heard the pre-release of a song by Mabel and Jax Jones called 'Ring Ring'. We then had a chat with Ben and he provided us with an insight into what it was like to market their clients such as Lady Gaga. We also had a chat with an intern who had only been at Universal for 6 months and yet had been given a small list of clients to look after herself which included artists such as Wretch 32. We then also spoke to a man in A&R which is the recruitment sector of Universal. Finally we spoke to Rachel who is part of the Content and Production team. We both really enjoyed today as it allowed us to view what it was like to work in an international well respected business in the music industry.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Today we visited 10 Downing Street where we had a tour of the house and gardens, with our host, Lisa. This was great because it was very informative and a once in a life time opportunity to see inside the famous house. Afterwards we all met back at the office to organise a leaving party for the delapo. Here we met singer and musician Myleene Klass and reality TV star Montana Brown during lunch. It was interesting to see how everybody acted around the celebrities as to begin with I was star struck.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

On our final day Max and I went to a PR company in the morning where we found out what it was like to work in the PR sector of a business and how they deal with their clients. Max found this of particular interest as this was a key part of the visit for him, and he was able to find out more about the entertainment business.

During my 4 days at Inter Talent I would not change anything that we did or the people that we met.

Thank you to everyone involved.

**WELL DONE TO OUR LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK**



**Spanish**

Harry Shrimpton Y9 \* Anya Idrizi Y10 \* Molly Harmes Y9  
Isabel Young Y10 \* Mabila Kalam Y7 \* Riley Moore Y8  
Louisa Holborn Y10

**French**

Leo Cox Y7 \* Luke Bowley Y7 \* Sean Wilson Y9 \* Tayab Bashir Y7  
Jake Stanley Y7 \* Casey Knott Y7 \* Maddy Sellman Y7

**German**

Sam Davies Y10 \* Adam Gibbon Y10 \* Tom Lonsdale Y9  
Tayab Bashir Y7 \* Tegan Storey Y8 \* Anna Gambrill Y8  
Victor Harrit Y8 \* Taylor Crawford Y10

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS**



Thank you to those of you who attended our Information Evening about the Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards this week. If your child is interested in completing their Bronze, Silver or Gold Award please complete and return the application and medical form for the relevant award (found on our website, links below), as soon as possible, to register your interest. Completed forms should be handed into Reception. You will need to support your child to consider activities for each section, with a view to starting in September 2018.

Parents will be contacted in September to make a £50 deposit, with the remaining balance due in on Friday October

Information about the Award can be found on our website: <http://www.furzeplatt.com/page/Default.asp?pid=292&action=saved>

If you have any queries, please contact Miss Carty, Furze Platt's DofE Manager, on [dofe@furzeplatt.net](mailto:dofe@furzeplatt.net)

**BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**

**SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**

**GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**

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## WELL DONE TO MRS ALSTON!



Last weekend Mrs Alston, our Curriculum Support Worker, successfully completed a 10k run in aid of St John Ambulance, Well done to her!



## NETBALL SUCCESS

Well done also to Furze Platt students Abbi Hellings and Florence Checkley (Year 9) and Daisy Hellings and Martha Garner (Team Captain), both in Year 8, who competed in a netball tournament at Pontins Brea with Magnet Netball Club (U13's and U14's).



Abbi and Florence's team made it to the quarter final but were knocked out by one goal when the match went to 6 minutes of extra time. Daisy and Martha's team went on to win the plate with a last minute penalty shot. (The girls are pictured with the rest of their team.)

Congratulations to them all.

## CURRENT VACANCIES AT FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

We are currently looking for :

- Learning Support Assistant in Shine (ASD Unit)
- Cover Supervisor
- Apprentice Assistant Site Controller

[TO APPLY FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE POSITIONS PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)



## RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION / PSHE LESSONS

### FOR YEARS 7, 8 & 9

I am writing to let you know that we will soon be starting some work on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) in Year 7, 8 and 9 PSHE lessons. This work is part of our RSE programme from which starts in Year 7.

RSE lessons will inevitably cover issues of a sensitive and delicate nature and I would like to assure you that such issues will be dealt with in an appropriate and sensitive manner.

If you have any concerns about this and would like to find out more about the relationships and sex education we plan to cover, or about the PSHE / Citizenship programme in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mrs J Bubb, Head of PSHE / Citizenship



## AND FINALLY...

It has been lovely to see so many new faces around school this week. We have been visited by our upcoming Year 7 students for their Taster Day, Year 5 students from across the borough for their Open Morning and our upcoming Year 12 for their Taster Days.

Details for new parents can be found on our website. There, you can also find our Year 7 Parents' Handbook with lots of useful information. The Sixth Form dress code, which has been updated for this year, can also be found on our website, both links are below.

Our Open Evening is on Thursday 4th October 2018.

[NEW PARENTS LINK TO WEBSITE](#)

[SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE](#)

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**Open Evening**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018**  
**All Welcome**

**School Tours Available**  
**Sept and Oct 2018**  
**All Welcome\***

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\*Places on these events must be booked in advance.

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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)



## Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ A broad, stimulating and rewarding education for girls and boys
- ▶ Outstanding academic, sporting and 'the arts' facilities
- ▶ Supportive transition activities for all our Year 7 students
- ▶ A wealth of extra-curricular interests, trips and visits

'An increased number of pupils achieved top grades at key stage 4 [and] made very strong progress in both academic and vocational subjects. The most able make similar or greater progress than other pupils nationally.'

- Ofsted



## How to find us:



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highly at this  
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- Ofsted 2016