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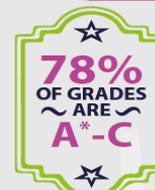
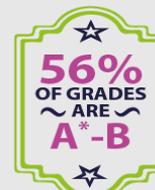
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ENGLISH – NATIONAL POETRY DAY POET LAUREATE AWARD



This week we celebrated National Poetry Day in our English department. To mark the date, we are running a Poet Laureate competition. We will be awarding the FPSS Poet Laureate Award to the poet who submits the most creative and original poem based on the theme of change (please see link below for full details). The winning poem will be recited at our end of year Christmas assembly by the poet or another student. The poem will be accompanied by artwork created by a student in the art department. This will be an exciting opportunity for poetry and the arts to be celebrated.

We look forward to receiving your entries, the deadline is Friday 2nd November. Please submit any entries to your English teacher.

[POEM COMPETITION - ENTRY DETAILS](#)

YEAR 11 - TIME MANAGEMENT AND PRIORITISING WORK



Thursday 18th October

Next Thursday all our Year 11 students will receive a session on Time Management and prioritising work. To make this as effective and as personal as possible, please ask your child to bring in their Biology Revision Guide. If they don't have one, please ask them to bring in another revision guide instead. Thank you.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

Next Week (Week 1)

THU 18 OCTOBER	Year 11 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 19 OCTOBER	Last day of Term	

Forthcoming Events

MON 22 - FRI 26 OCTOBER	Half Term	
MON 29 OCTOBER	Various Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions	
MON 29 OCTOBER	Start of Term	8.40am - 3.15pm
TUE 30 OCTOBER	UCAS Deadline	
WED 7 NOVEMBER	PTFA Meeting	6pm - 7pm

[SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19](#)

DIARY DATES



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Thursday 29th November

Our sixth Careers and Higher Education Fair will be held at school this November with representatives from a number of universities, employers and apprenticeships showing how our students can access various career and higher

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education paths. More details to follow.

INSET DAY

Friday 30th November

Please note: school will be closed all day for the next INSET day, which is at the end of next month.

YEAR 7 PGL: OSMINGTON BAY, DORSET

Reminder - deposit due by Tuesday 23rd October 2018

Due to the increasing numbers for our ever popular Year 7 PGL trip to Dorset, this year we are running the visit over two separate weekends.

Group One: Friday 24th May to Sunday 26th May 2019 - Bisham, Cookham, Eton and Marlow Houses

Group Two: Friday 7th June to Sunday 9th June 2019 - Bray, Dorney, Henley and Windsor Houses

Please click the link below for more information.

[TRIPS & VISITS - INFORMATION & LETTERS WEBPAGE](#)



YEAR 12 PSYCHOLOGY TRIP UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



Twenty six of our Psychology students visited Royal Holloway, University of London, on Wednesday 10th October, to take part in various psychological demonstrations and evening lectures. Students had a chance to wear eye-tracking glasses and test how gravity can influence picture perception. Another interesting presentation involved using virtual reality in treatment of disorders, such as phobia, and testing emotion recognition from faces of strangers. A fascinating lecture by Professor T. Pincus made our students aware of the psychology of pain, including pain threshold and tolerance levels. Another speaker, Dr E. Ferre, caught everyone's



attention by explaining the mysterious aspects of how the human brain perceives gravity and can identify the position of its own body in cosmic space. The evening was complemented by the careers advice stall. Students were amazed by the university buildings and the quality of teaching delivered. We hope that many of them will pursue to study Psychology at a higher education level.

Mr C Marris and Miss R Paradowska, Psychology

YEARS 11 AND 12 - PIXEL CONFERENCE

Some of our Years 11 and 12 students attended a Pixel Conference this week in London, where they learnt about practical techniques to maximise learning and brain training, including planning ahead. Thank you to everyone involved for a fascinating day.

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unique and enigmatic flora and fauna. Students going on the expedition will be joining an important conservation effort to monitor the lowland forest of East Kalimantan, as well as diving on the reefs of Derawan Island.

During the first week, students will be based in the East Kalimantan forest, where they will complete a course on Borneo wildlife ecology. Following this, they will be able to use the knowledge and skills that they have gained in order to assist with studies into primate abundance and behaviour and forest structure. On top of this, they will spend time surveying the birds, butterflies, herpetofauna, bats and large mammals of the forest. During this week, students will be staying in shared tents.

For the second week, students will move to Derawan Island, where they will be sharing 4-person rooms. At this site, students who wish to learn how to dive to a PADI Open Water level can complete their diving qualification. Those who wish to snorkel, or who are already dive qualified will complete an Indo-Pacific reef ecology and survey methods course.

YEARS 11 AND 12 - EXPEDITION TO BORNEO, SUMMER 2020

Information Evening: Tuesday 30th October at 6pm, Main Hall

Following on from the hugely successful school expeditions to Mexico and Indonesia, we are pleased to announce news of a trip to Borneo in Summer 2020.



We are inviting interested students to an information session about this potential two-week expedition to Borneo where they will be helping with biodiversity surveys run by Operation Wallacea. The presentation will be given on Tuesday 30th October at 6.00pm in the Main Hall and is open to any students in Years 11 and 12 who are interested in biology, ecology and conservation.

Borneo, a large island in the Malay Archipelago in Southeast Asia, is famous for its species rich rainforests containing



It is possible to use the expedition to gain extra UCAS points by doing an EPQ or extended essay project, and the expedition covers key aspects of biology and

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geography syllabuses. In addition, if they are applying for UK universities then they automatically qualify by completing the expedition for a University Award that can be included on their UCAS form.

The Opwall expedition costs can be significant, and as such Opwall can provide a meeting with one of their fundraising team. It would be our aim that if necessary, a large portion of the monies required could be fundraised. At the meeting, specific dates and cost will be discussed and explained.

We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Mr A Molin (Head of Henley House) and Dr M Scott (Head of Science)



YEAR 7 NETBALL



Well done to our unbeaten Year 7 Netball team who played extremely well in their first round of the RBWM League. The girls played seven matches, winning six and drawing one. These are great results which shows the teamwork and dedication from them all.

The team:

Rose Cullum
Grace Gibson
Lily Gibson
Megan Delahaye
Tia Mattingley
Connie Howe
Sadie Huddleston



YEAR 10 RUGBY



Well done also to our Year 10 Rugby team who gave an outstanding performance against Pangbourne College on Tuesday.

The boys led for much of the match before losing by just one try in extra time. The team were extremely professional and mature throughout and did the school and themselves proud by producing some high level rugby. Special mention to MoM Jonty Bryant.

The team:

Alfie Graham
Johnny Coulson
Oli Pearce
Adam Cuva
Harvey Bates
Matt Dilley
Charlie Ferriman
Jonty Bryant
Iwan Hughes (Captain)
Freddy Smith (Vice captain)
Hugh Rickard
Max Bird
Connor Charles
Will Morrison
Will Cullum
Marcus Brienza



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



Many congratulations to Paul Barnes (Year 12) who has been awarded a place on the DofE Leaders Development Programme. Paul is the first Furze Platt student to gain a place on the highly coveted programme, which is aimed at supporting our Bronze and Silver participants.

We have had an amazing response from all our students who are currently taking their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. The four sections (volunteering, skill, physical and expedition) are now well underway for each Award.

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Edward (Year 9) represented Upper Thames Sailing Club at RYA Junior Regional Championships, Queen Mary reservoir, and Francesca (also Year 9) broadcasts at Marlow FM (97.5) every Wednesday, 6-7pm with her own feature.



More of our Year 9 DofE students continued with their TV work, practising reading from an autocue and also co-presenting in pairs.



Our Year 11 construction group are volunteering with Maidenhead Cycle Hub for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. The group have been split into three; some are fixing bikes at the Workshop in Waldeck Road, some are serving customers in their café and the rest are supporting customers in the Bike Shop.

Pictured- Andreas Bohdjalian in the café



Some of our Year 11 Child Development group volunteered at St Mark's Care Home. This week they were helping the residents paint and cut out poppies for their Armistice Day Celebration.



FURZE PLATT STUDENT COMPLETES TEAM 170 MILE RELAY RACE

Elliott Reeve (Year 12) took part in a Reebok Ragnar Relay Race 22nd-23rd September and was one of the youngest runners in the entire event.



In a team of 10 representing CrossFit Maidenhead and running along the South East coast of England on this gruelling non-stop and overnight race, he finished 3rd in the special CrossFit division and 33rd overall out of 114 teams.

Congratulations to Elliott and his team.

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FURZE PLATT ROWER IN WINNING BOAT

James Steed (Year 9) was also a rower in the U18 Great River Race's winning boat (Enigma) with the Scouts recently. Well done to him and all the crew.



THANK YOU TO OUR VISITORS

Thank you to everyone who visited us this week, including Tim from Kooth.com who spoke to our students about their counselling and mental health support service which is free and can be accessed by students or adults. Luke from Maidenhead Cycle Hub came in to discuss the impact of cycle mechanic sessions for our students, as well as wider opportunities to work together to support young people's progression and promote cycling in Maidenhead. It has also been lovely to see Furze Platt alumna Tilly Mitchell come back to help our DofE students with their TV presenting work.

Our Year 10 and Year 11 students were very fortunate to see RSC productions of An Inspector Calls and Macbeth respectively. Both performances really helped bring to life the study of the texts and we enjoyed them very much, thank you to the RSC for an unforgettable afternoon.



Our next Quiz Night is on Friday 23rd November. These are fun events which help support the school at the same time.

You can book tickets here:

<https://donorbox.org/furze-platt-ptfa-quiz-night-23rd-november-2018>

We offer tables of up to six people, £15 a ticket includes food (tickets bookable in 1-6 numbers) start time 7.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For those of you who would rather help without attending events, we would encourage you to sign up to our 200 Club where you can purchase a number (or two). Three prize winners are drawn at random four times a year, winning large cash prizes.

Diary date: Next PTFA meeting Wednesday 7th November, 6pm in the Meeting Room, all welcome.



REMINDERS



WisePay app is now ready for use on Apple and Android. Our organisation code is 67367869.

TRIPS AND VISITS - INFORMATION AND LETTERS

All letters for our upcoming trips and visits can be found on our website here:

Trips and Visits - Information and Letters.

These include a Psychology trip to Warwick University in November. The event will consist of lectures and demonstrations of clinical psychology, forensic psychology, hypnosis and neuropsychology. We believe this event will help motivate the students and enable them to see the possibilities that Psychology offers. There is a £30 charge for attending this event (this includes admission and transport costs).

There are a limited number of places for this trip and so it will be a case of first come first served.

Payment deadline is Wednesday 17th October.

MAIDENHEAD WARRIORS



LOOKING FOR PLAYERS FOR THEIR U13 TEAM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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