



## YEAR 11 LEAVERS' HOODIES



**DEADLINE - FRIDAY  
8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Reminder: the final deadline for ordering Year 11 leavers' hoodies is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Please order via your son/daughter's WisePay account.



## YEAR 8 OPTIONS EVENING



**THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 6PM - 8.30PM**

We would like to invite you and your child to the Year 8 Options Evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. The event is an information evening designed to guide you and your son/daughter through the process of choosing the subjects that will be studied over the next three years. We will highlight the subject choices available and offer advice on how to pick a curriculum best suited for your child.

This event is always extremely well attended which is why we split the talks over two sittings. After the talk has finished, there will be an opportunity to talk with the subject teachers should you have any questions. Please be advised that due to the number of people attending, the car park can sometimes be quite busy, so we would ask that where possible, parents walk to school for the talk.

**Event:** Year 8 Options Evening

**Times :** 6pm – 8.30pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Talk:** 6pm for students in Bisham, Bray, Cookham and Dorney Houses

**2<sup>nd</sup> Talk:** 7pm for students in Eton, Henley, Marlow and Windsor Houses

**Venue:** Talks will be in the Main Hall followed by an Options Fair held in the Maths Block.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Next Week (WEEK 2)

<b>THU 7 FEBRUARY</b>	Year 8 Options Evening	6pm - 8.30pm
<b>FRI 8 FEBRUARY</b>	Late school start	9.10am
	Year 12 & 13 Art & Photography Trip	All Day

### Forthcoming Events

<b>MON 11 - THU 14 FEBRUARY</b>	School Musical	Evening
<b>FRI 15 FEBRUARY</b>	End of Term 3	3.15pm finish
<b>MON 18 - FRI 22 FEBRUARY</b>	Half Term Holidays	
<b>MON 25 FEBRUARY</b>	Start of Term 4 (Week 2)	8.45am start
	Parents' Community Group Meeting	6pm - 7pm

**SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20**

## OUR SNOWY PLAYING FIELDS TODAY



If you would like to submit photos for our newsletter please email them to [media@furzeplatt.net](mailto:media@furzeplatt.net).

Thank you to the Avery family for this beautiful photo.

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# LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

The Performing Arts department would like to invite you to come and see this year's production of Little Shop of Horrors.

Little Shop of Horrors returns to Furze Platt to take over the school, make sure you don't miss the opportunity to see a meek flower shop transform into something quite sinister.

There will be four performances, Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. All performances will begin at 7pm in the Drama department.

You can purchase tickets through your child's Wisepay account. The event will be found in the Event wise section. Tickets are priced at £5 for students/children/OAPs and £10 for adults and go on sale on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Refreshments will be available to buy during the interval of each performance.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A. Bradley, Head of Performing Arts



This week, the cast of Little Shop of Horrors has been promoting the production in preparation for our opening night on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February (performances will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February). We are holding flash mobs all over the school; our first one in the Main Hall at a break time attracted huge numbers as we belted out 'Skid Row' in the middle of all of the lunch crowd! We are also visiting a number of primary schools including Furze Platt Junior School, Saint Mary's Primary School and Cookham Rise Primary School to perform songs from the show to the students. On Thursday we were excited to bring some of the show to Saint Mark's Care Home to entertain the old folk with our musical pieces. All of these performances have not only been incredible to take part in, but also been thoroughly enjoyed by our audience, who are eager to come watch the show! For those who missed our flash mobs, there are snippets of the event on Twitter. Keep your eyes peeled for Audrey II appearing around the school and the surrounding area!

By Anya Idrizi, Year 11

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR A SOUND RECORDING](#)

Letter from Miss Satterthwaite and Mrs Bradley to the cast:

***'We have been 'on tour' this week visiting some primary schools in the area. Students from Furze Platt Junior School and Cookham Rise were in awe of the 'grown up students' and you sounded incredible.***

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# LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>,

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AND

THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY,

7PM

*Mrs Bradley and I felt immensely proud of you all following your visit to St Mary's Care Home. The residents seemed to really enjoy being surprised with a little performance from the show. We were impressed by our students' kindness at all the venues we visited.'*



Some of the cast pictured sharing their secrets of success with the next generation's budding young stars at Cookham Rise Primary School.

The first leg of the tour – Furze Platt Junior School.



**FURZE PLATT JUNIOR SCHOOL TOUR VIDEO**

Tickets will go on sale on Monday for these performances – if you have not been to one of our fantastic school musicals, we highly recommend you purchase your tickets and come and enjoy the show!

**TICKET INFORMATION**

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## SPORTS RESULTS

### THIS WEEK

Year 9 Boys' Football team beat Ranelagh School 3-1

Year 7 Girls' Netball team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in tournament

(Other fixtures postponed due to the weather.)

### NEXT WEEK

#### Monday

Year 7 Boys' Football team v Brakenhale Academy - Home

Year 7 Boys' Football training

#### Tuesday

Year 8 Boys' Football v EPS - Away

Year 7/8 Girls' Football v Bohunt School - Home

#### Wednesday

Year 11 Boys' Football v St Crispins - Away

Year 9 Boys' Football v Brakenhale Academy - Home

Year 7 Girls' Netball tournament - Home

#### Thursday

Year 10 Boys' Football v Waingels - Home

#### Friday

Year 9 Boys' v Bulmershe - Home

There will be no Year 8, 9 or 10 Football training due to fixtures and Options Evening.



## 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 new 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 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. 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](mailto:lucy.naylor@furzeplatt.net)

Ms L Naylor, Head of Business and Economics

## VIEW FROM THE NEW BUILDING



Work continues at a good rate with our new construction. Thanks to Adam Oliver for this picture of the fantastic view of the horizon from the top of the building.



## DFE LAUNCHES NEW 'FIRE IT UP' APPRENTICESHIPS CAMPAIGN



## PARENT / CARER SKILLS REGISTER

Thank you to everyone who has offered their skills, we have had a good response so far.

From time to time we find we need some specialist help from parents or carers. For example, recently we could have benefited from advice from experts in the field of theatre design, information technology and data security. If you

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would be willing to be added please could you add your details to our skills register by following the link below.

PARENT/CARER SKILLS REGISTER

TWEETS THIS WEEK

For Snow Day information  
and much more!

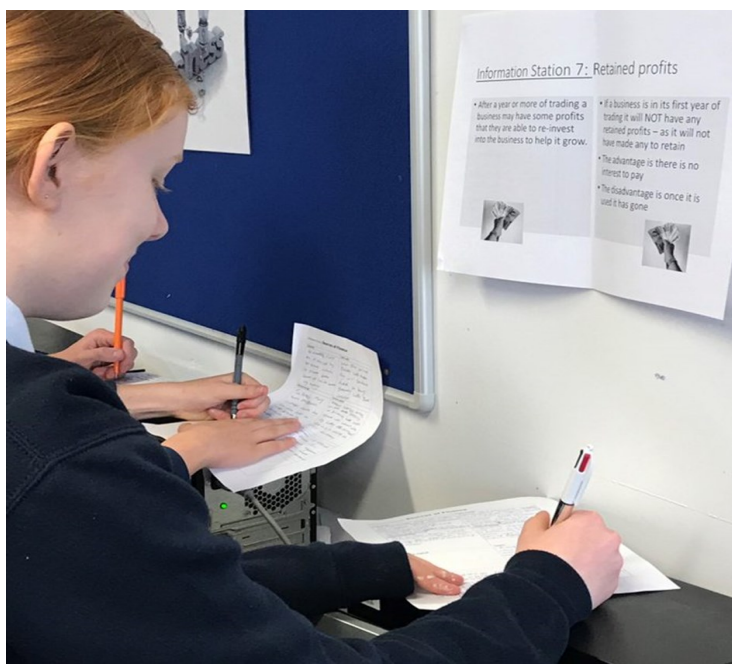


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During PE lessons, our students have access to a fantastic array of sports equipment - here are some of our Year 8 students making use of the gym and keeping warm!



Year 10 students busy in Business Studies using Information Stations to gather and apply relevant information.



Our Year 9 Travel & Tourism group out enjoying their orienteering session in the snow last week.

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### YEAR 9 CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Our Year 9 Child Development took the schools' electronic baby dolls home for the weekend. Our first 'parent' was James Sutton, and here's what he said afterwards:

'Looking after the [electronic] baby was an experience that will stick with me for most of my life. This is because I learned that a baby isn't all about parenting it; feeding it and cleaning it. It's more about learning from it every day. This is due to the baby needing different things all the time which you have to adjust yourself to fit its needs.

The baby has many needs as you would expect, for example the basics like clothing, food and diapers. However, it needs attention from you. Just like any other person a baby needs attention but even more than usual because it's developing social skills and the more you are around and giving the baby attention the more comfortable the baby will be around people in the future. If I do have a child in the future, I feel I will be a better parent to my child with the knowledge I have learned from this experience.'



## HEALTH AND FITNESS CERTIFICATION PLANNING



Kye Andrews, Victor Harrit and Aaron Gardner (Year 9) planning their personal training session in V-cert Health and Fitness.



## MATCHED FUNDING

If you work for a large blue-chip organisation, your company may offer matched funding. Please enquire to see if we can double our PTFA efforts through your work as we are very keen to maximise this area of potential income.

## HIRING THE SCHOOL'S NEW HALL (FROM 2020)

Our new Hall will be fully operational from April 2020 and will have seating for 450 (a huge increase on the current 250), a stage and theatrical equipment. If you know anyone who would be interested in hiring this when completed, please email Mrs L Moore, Head of Operations and Business Development: [lynne.moore@furzeplatt.net](mailto:lynne.moore@furzeplatt.net)

## YEAR 7 GIRLS' NETBALL



### BERKSHIRE SCHOOL GAMES

Well done to our Year 7 Girls' Netball team who participated in the recent Berkshire School Games after qualifying to compete in the playoffs.

The team:

- Connie Howe
- Tia Mattingley
- Lily Gibson
- Grace Gibson
- Megan Delhoye

## PTFA NEWS



If you need handy stick-on name labels, order from [easy2name.com](http://easy2name.com) and the PTFA will be credited with 20% of what you spend. [Click here](#) and remember to select Furze Platt Senior School PTFA when you checkout. Thank you.



## 200 CLUB

Our next draw takes place during the 'Little Shop of Horrors' performances. Three lucky winners will each enjoy cash prizes of £200.

Numbers can be purchased via the links below.

**ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)**

**MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)**

You can also support the school by choosing Furze Platt Senior School to receive donations if you shop via Easy Fundraising:

**EASY FUNDRAISING**





# Maidenhead Cycle Hub

## Half Term Bike Adventure

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February
- Meet at Cycle Hub Shop on Kings Street
- 10.00am until 2.30pm
- Basic Bike checks puncture repairs etc.
- Followed by Led bike ride
- Cost £20.00



# LET FOOD BE THY MEDICINE

Friday 8th February 7pm to 8.30pm  
St Peter's Church in Furze Platt SL6 7QU



Raffle  
Contest

min £7.50  
Donation

Healthy Snacks and Treats provided

The food we eat can be the most powerful form of medicine or the slowest form of poison. It's about time we start fighting disease with a healthy diet, rather than feeding it with junk food!

In this talk, BANT registered nutritionist Minna Wood will tell you about the key factors of optimal health and how we can make our fridges and kitchen cupboards part of our health care.

Please RSVP by 3 Feb  
[Nadia.recharge@gmail.com](mailto:Nadia.recharge@gmail.com)  
Charity Number 1168554







# THE BIG QUIZ



## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 7.30pm - 10.30pm

At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall

Featuring music, trivia, and picture questions as well as two 'team challenges'.



per person



people per table

But you can book in any numbers from 1-6 and we'll find teams for you.



Giant Pan Catering from  
Ashridge Delicious  
Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons  
Forestiere and Cassoulet



bar & prize raffle